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Joanna Jhanda

Maxwell Office Products closes this month after 53 years.

Longtime business will call it quits

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO—Maxwell Office Products on San Pablo Avenue is calling it quits after 53 years selling stationery in El Cerrito. It is said to be the victim of a new "big box" office supply store that opened down the street and what store manager John Whitten describes as a general retail business malaise that pervades the city.

"We can't buck Staples," Whitten said, referring to the new large chain office supply store that opened last summer.

"Where they buy a train load of something, we can only buy a few," Whitten explained.

"No way can we compete with their pricing right now," Whitten added.

"But once they put the small businesses out of business, they'll close up half of the retail stores and they'll raise their prices and the people will still be paying as much as 'suggested retail price,'" Whitten contended.

Maxwell Office Products was founded in El Cerrito by John and Vivian S. Maxwell in 1946.

In August later that same

year, their son Richard returned from a stint with the Merchant Marines, bought into the business and became a partner with his parents. "In those days we went around to the businesses and sold and delivered," Richard Maxwell explained.

"I don't know how many companies do that now — they just send out the darn catalog," he added.

In the old days, Maxwell said the store was divided and one part was once the editorial and production offices of The Journal.

His mother, Vivian S., was editor of the paper from about 1938 through 1945. His father, Hugh, printed the newspaper there through a contract with the publication's owner, the Richmond Independent Newspaper.

In 1989, Maxwell and his sister Phyllis sold the business at 10512 San Pablo Avenue to Sung Kwak, who also owns Payn's Stationery in Berkeley.

"One reason we got out was because of the discount houses were coming in so fast — that was even before these 'big ones

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Abduction attempt reported

By J. R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — An 11-year-old girl reported that a man tried to make her get into his car as she left an after school basketball practice last week. When the suspect grabbed at her outside Adams Middle School, the girl said she kicked at him and ran screaming from the scene. She fought off the suspect and is safe at home.

"This incident occurred on Tuesday the 9th at about 5

o'clock" in the evening reports Lt. Scott Daly of the Contra Costa Sheriff's office.

"There were several inconsistencies in the little girl's story as you might expect in someone of that age, but we took it very seriously," Daly said.

The suspect is described as being a black male, about 20 years old, about 5-foot-9 inches tall and weighing about 175 pounds with black hair and brown eyes.

At the time of the incident,

the suspect was wearing a black Nike sweatshirt, blue jeans and black canvas shoes.

Authorities report the suspect was driving what appeared to be a green Dodge four-door automobile.

"He apparently told the little girl she was going to get into the car," Daly explained. "When she resisted, he grabbed her, held a knife to her and tried to take her to the vehicle." The girl reportedly broke free from the assailant's grip and kicked him

before running away while screaming for help.

"He caught up with her and she kicked him again at which time he went back to his car and left," Daly reported.

Concerned parent Janet Abelson, who is past president and current treasurer of Harding Elementary School PTA, heard about the incident and informed several other parents of the danger. She was

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Joanna Jhanda

Academic achievement honored

At special ceremonies Feb. 3, El Cerrito High School honored 75 students at its fourth annual Underclassman Awards. Freshman Lydia Chilton approaches the stage to receive two awards for good academics, in history and geometry.

Multiculture center in EC proposed

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO—If you would like to know more about Asian masks, Persian New Year customs, Jewish klezmer music, Filipino jeepneys, Celtic dance or Sikh celebrations—celebrating Culture & Community is the place to be.

The 120-member, El Cerrito-based nonprofit organization increases cultural diversity in the area and encourages local and ethnic communities to share their customs and celebrate more accessible to the general public.

Now the organization hopes to build a Bay Area Multicultural Center in the city of the Del Norte BART station.

Admitting that at this point the center is "somewhat of a dream," Dr. Eve Ma, president of the organization, made a presentation to the Planning Commission early last month. Ma described a 15,000 to 18,000 square foot site that would be "conveniently located for easy access."

Her presentation noted the center would be "an exciting



Sharon Steinmann

Eve A. Ma, founder of Celebrating Culture & Community, points to her name in a Persian mural.

place of artistic creativity with facilities for performances, public panels, exhibits, food preparation, a small library, classes, workshops and social activities."

Ma envisions a 600-square-foot multipurpose stage for live performances and film, a "commercial kitchen," a front reception area designed to exhibit

photographs, artifacts and artwork, and office and storage space. Ma also told the

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Work may ultimately smooth commute on San Pablo Avenue

By James Carter

Commuters driven into a frenzy by stop-and-go traffic on San Pablo Avenue may find their ride home less trying due to a "signal interconnection project" along that corridor.

But while the system is being installed traffic on the thoroughfare may make for harder going in the interim.

The endeavor, already in its early stages in Albany and Berkeley, will electronically connect all traffic signals from Oakland to Highway 4 in Hercules, according to officials involved in the project.

The \$3 million undertaking is federally funded and involves all cities along the corridor, the Alameda County Congestion Agency, and Caltrans.

Contra Costa County is currently waiting for another \$3 million in funds to be allocated for work north of Albany.

traffic patterns along the heavily traveled corridor. However, a project slated to monitor traffic flow along San Pablo Avenue should provide data needed to retime 85 traffic signals on the 20-mile avenue and hasten the movement of vehicles by next autumn, engineers said.

The installation of "detection loops" may also speed the flow of traffic on the avenue, according-

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Worth Checking Out

Festival o' flapjacks

Berkeley Hills Nursery School, a non-profit school founded in 1926, is holding a Festival o' Flapjacks on Saturday, Feb. 27, with a menu featuring some of the East Bay's favorite foods: Rick and Ann's pancakes, Bruce Adell's sausages, Peet's coffee and fresh fruit from Berkeley Bowl and Monterey Market. Running the kitchen will be Steve Lucas, a chef at Rick and Ann's restaurant and parent of a Berkeley Hills student. Pancakes will be topped with Rick and Ann's blueberry sauce and real maple syrup. Milk and Oatmeal and Voila juices will also be served. The breakfast will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane (at Ashbury) in El Cerrito. Cost is \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for kids 12 and under. Tickets are available at the door or by calling 510-849-1216.

While the bill of fare is an attraction in itself, there's much more. Recording artist (and school parent) Robbie Dunbar will perform songs from his two CDs. There will be face painting, balloons and games for kids, too. And to cap things off, there will be a silent auction of donations ranging from fine jewelry to ceramics to a professional massage. Berkeley Hills Nursery School, located on Sterling Avenue, was founded in 1926 and is a non-profit organization providing pre-school education to children ages 3 to 5.

Infant-Toddler Lapsit Program

Registration is open for the second series of the Infant-Toddler Lapsit Program will be offered again at the El Cerrito Branch of the Contra Costa County Library. This program is for parents and their very young children from birth through age 2 1/2. Simple stories, rhymes and songs will be used during this 20-minute program to help children develop such pre-reading skills as listening, language development and a deep love of books and a desire to learn to read. Parents will be asked to attend with their young children.

The second half of Session I takes place Mondays at 1 p.m., March 15 through April 12. Session II takes place Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. from now through Feb. 25, and March 18 through April 15.

The El Cerrito Branch is located at 6510 Stockton

Ave., 526-7512.

Albany boards, commissions

The Albany City Council is seeking interested citizens for appointment to the following boards, commissions and committees: Civil Service Board Library Advisory Board Park & Recreation Commission Arts Committee Charter Review Committee Waterfront Committee Mental Health Advisory Board. Interested applicants can contact the City Clerk for an application and description of each board, commission or committee. Details: 528-5720 or visit City Hall at 1000 San Pablo Ave.

Preschool open house

The 59-year-old El Cerrito Preschool Cooperative, 7200 Mooser Lane, invites the public to an open house on Feb. 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet teachers, staff and member families; learn about morning and afternoon preschool programs for kids age 2 1/2 through kindergarten and tour the facility while they watch your kids. Details: 526-1916.

Magician in the market

El Cerrito Natural Grocery celebrates its anniversary with the illusions of magician Leo Luna on Feb. 20 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

African American storytelling

On Sunday, Feb. 21, in celebration of Black History Month, the Richmond Museum of History presents Mario, in an afternoon of storytelling in the African American tradition. The one-hour performance will begin at 2 p.m. in the Museum's Seaver Gallery. Described as "spellbinding," Mario is a well-known local performer who has traveled as far as Africa in search of stories to delight audiences of all ages. After the performance, guests are invited to enjoy light refreshments and visit the permanent exhibits highlighting Richmond's agricultural beginnings, industrial achievement, and cultural legacy, including a new display on Richmond's "Places of Faith and Worship." The Richmond Museum of History, in the 1910 Carnegie Library building in the Old Downtown area, at the corner of Fourth Street and Nevins Avenue, is open Wednesday through Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Details: 235-7387.

Police Reports

Bomb threat proves to be a hoax

EL CERRITO — On the late afternoon of Feb. 1, a thief entered an unlocked vehicle parked on the 3300 block of Yosemite Avenue and stole a cellular phone from the front seat.

At 4 p.m. Feb. 2, a teenaged boy pulled a knife on a 47-year-old woman in the parking lot of Target Stores. Demanding the woman "give me your money," the suspect took her cash and fled down the BART path. The victim was unharmed.

On Feb. 2 at 5:30 p.m., an individual announced over the

store intercom at Target that a bomb planted there would detonate in 15 minutes. No bomb was found and nobody was hurt.

A 47-year-old woman wearing a black wig attacked her 49-year-old boyfriend with a knife on the 11200 block of San Pablo Avenue Feb. 6, inflicting a 2-1/2 inch cut on his arm. Though the male tried to fend off the assault by repeatedly striking his girlfriend in the face, she continued to lash away until subdued by police and arrested for assault with a deadly weapon.

Thief forces police security light before break-in

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — On Feb. 8 a resident on the 900 block of Kains Avenue reported that during the night thieves broke her silver '97 Honda Civic, which was parked in a covered garage area. She found her trunk, glove box and center console all open and her right rear window shattered. The victim commented that the security light on the wall near her car was apparently not working. The officer checked the light and found the bulb had been unscrewed, probably by the thief in an attempt to avoid detection.

At about 11 p.m. on Feb. 8 Albany officers observed a red '87 Honda Civic parked in the north parking lot at Golden Gate Fields

that had previously been reported as stolen from Berkeley. Officers contacted the occupants, the driver, a 14-year-old Berkeley boy, and three passengers. A check found the driver had an extensive criminal history in the Alameda County Juvenile System. He was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle and released to his grandmother with Notice to Appear. The three passengers were questioned and released. The car was impounded.

At about 1 p.m. on Feb. 10 officers responded to the Bank of America on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue on reports of a man attempting to cash stolen checks. Officers contacted the 45-year-old Berkeley man and found he did have stolen checks in his pos-

A man painting his house on the 7400 block of Currie Avenue was surprised just after midnight Feb. 6 when someone showed up for a job he never completed. Climbing up a ladder and scaling the scaffolding, a man talking to himself—or an assistant—made his way toward the second story of the house when the owner stuck his head out of the bathroom window located on that floor and told him in no uncertain terms he had not requested his services. The would-be burglar quickly returned to earth and made a run for it.

A 62-year-old man yelled profanities at another customer of

Nation's Giant Hamburgers after 10 p.m. Feb. 7. The citizen yelled at a man 12 years his junior, knocked him down, then marched out to his car, snatched a baseball bat, and arrived before he could reach the store, yet the unruly customer attempted to jostle his way through the crowd. He was arrested for battery.

Sometime between Feb. 6 and 7 a vandal smashed the rear window of a automobile and destroyed its roof as it sat in a car parking lot on the 11800 block of San Pablo Avenue. The automobile, scheduled for repair, suffered \$375 worth of damage.

session. He was arrested.

On the afternoon of Feb. 11 officers contacted a man on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue who was known to have outstanding warrants. A check found he indeed had outstanding Albany warrants for vandalism in the amount of \$15,000. He was arrested.

On the evening of Feb. 11 Albany officers contacted a 48-year-old Oakland man known to have a history of outstanding warrants. A check found he had four outstanding Oakland warrants totaling \$1,936. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

At about 8 p.m. on Feb. 12 officers responded to reports of two women fighting at a restaurant on the 600 block of San Pablo Avenue. Officers contacted the women and discovered that a 55-

year-old Berkeley woman became angry when a 10-year-old girl had accidentally knocked her chair. When she yelled at the girl and scratched the girl's face, the girl's mother became angry. The attacker was arrested for battery and resisting arrest. She was cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

During the week of Feb. 12, Albany officers fingerprinted people at their request, responded to three cars, responded to 10 alarms, attended to five deceased animals, assisted people locked out of their homes or car and responded to four reports of barking dogs. In the domestic arena officers responded to one stand-by, 12 reports of disturbances, and 74 Civil Disobedience. Firefighter/paramedics responded to one fire call and medical emergencies.

Doxtader family has a history of community involvement

Elton K. Doxtader and his wife Cecelia are citizens of Albany. A simple declaration, but a very meaningful one in respect to the Doxtaders. They are the kind of citizens who take part in the life of their community, their schools, their church, and everything that has to do with their work. So when Dario Meneketi said he thought Elton Doxtader should be profiled in this column, I agreed completely.

Doxtader talks about his ancestors, at least two of whom fought in the Civil War. He says he knows little of his mother's family, but both grandfathers on his father's side fought with the Union Army. One started in Indiana at the beginning of the war and fought in several major battles. When they invaded Atlanta and burned the city, he "rescued" a Bible from a store and sent it home. It became the family Bible.

Even before that, the original American Doxtader came to the U.S. in 1709 with the Palatines, a group persecuted in Germany,

who fled to Holland, then England and finally to New York State.

The other ancestors, the Longyears, came with the early Dutch settlers to New Amsterdam in the early 1600s. The English drove the Dutch out and turned New Amsterdam into New York.

So we go back to the Civil War grandfathers, and then to his father, who was a teacher, a principal and then a superintendent of schools. When World War I came his father went to the school and worked as a janitor, and he continued doing janitorial work when he became principal of the school.

All Elton knows of his mother's family is that their background is Irish.

So now comes Elton K., whose early history includes a terrible auto accident when he was 2, when he, his mother and father were all injured. He was in the hospital for six weeks. His father was on his way to Grand Rapids, Mich., to interview prospective teachers.

He showed me the yearbook

from the year he graduated from high school. It was during the Depression, and neither the school nor the students had the money for a yearbook as we know them now. Instead, they used pictures he had taken of the classes, and a few of the people. (He has always been interested in photography.) The cover was made by hand. He has kept it lovingly and carefully through the years.

With no jobs available, he joined the Navy, was trained in the Hospital Corps (he showed me a graduation certificate from the Hospital Corps school), and was sent to Mare Island, which is why he ended up here.

It was a natural step from that Navy position to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where he spent the next 36 years. I saw his Certificate of Merit for outstanding work for preparation of histological tissue sections which the hospital technicians used for experiments.

Most of his work consisted of working with fruits and vegetables, on the early vitamins that

became popular during World War II, and the hydro frozen food that were also started during that war. He worked first in San Francisco and then in the Agricultural Station here in Albany.

All this time, of course, Cecelia was doing all the usual things with school, PTA, and church.

When Doxtader retired he started intensive community service, first with Meals on Wheels, for seven years, then with Friends of Albany Seniors where he served as treasurer for 11 years. They showed me the plaque that was presented to him for that. He is now 2nd Vice President of that organization. He is Financial Secretary of the Grace Lutheran Church in El Cerrito, to which he and Cecelia have belonged for many years. He also belongs to SIRS and to the Retired Federal Employees organization.

This devoted family started when Elton and Cecelia met at a dance in San Francisco. They were married three months later. They celebrated their 63rd anniversary on Jan. 31. They have

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



Elton Doxtader

four children, two boys and two girls, nine grandchildren and three great-grandkids. Kenneth is a professor of Agronomy at Colorado State University, Larry has an antique store in Washington, and both Signe and Lynn work as bookkeepers.

The Doxtaders took part in other parts of the community life, also, including taking part in the politics of the city. They were active in the group that ousted two City Council people some 20 years ago. Cecelia took care of babies in her home at one time, has done sewing and handwork for various organizations, and still does such work, such as the embroidery she was working on during our talk.

Nothing sensational, but a story of a family that were an integral part of their community.

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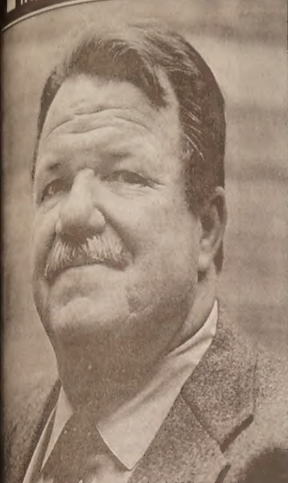
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In Brief



Joanna Ihanda
Mark Scott is El Cerrito's interim fire chief, replacing Steve Cutright.

Interim EC fire chief

EL CERRITO—Interim Fire Chief Mark Scott was introduced last week's City Council meeting. Scott is a 25 year veteran of the El Cerrito Fire Department and has served as Battalion Chief since 1989. Scott is described as a "key member" of the department's leadership team. City Manager Gary Pokorny said in January that Scott has "every confidence" Chief Scott will do an outstanding job over the next several months and be a strong contender for the chief's job on a permanent basis. Former chief Stephen Cutright left last month to become fire chief in Emeryville.

Storm drain upgrades

EL CERRITO—Earlier this month the City Council approved plans to improve storm drain capacity along Glen Mawr Avenue in northern El Cerrito.

Maintenance and Engineering Services Manager Mori Struve reported that reduced storm drain capacity caused flooding in the early last year which resulted in damage to several private properties.

A new storm drain pipe was installed last September, but after moderate rains the following month, more flooding occurred. The storm drain line will be replaced and about 150 feet of storm drain pipe below Glen Mawr needs "replacing and relining," Struve reported. Other improvements will be made as well.

Total construction costs, including private property restoration, is estimated at \$67,000. Money will come from Measure J bond funds approved by voters in 1993.

Struve said the work could begin in early March and be completed in early April.

Schools chief lauded

EL CERRITO—El Cerrito Superintendent Herbert Cole, who served as Superintendent of the West Contra Costa Unified School District

from 1992 until his retirement last month was honored with a City of El Cerrito Commendation.

Cole is credited with putting the district's financial house in order, restructuring its debt to the state and helping to get the \$40 million Measure E school bond approved by the voters last June.

The commendation, presented in person to Cole by Mayor Gina Brusatori at the Feb. 1 City Council meeting, praised Cole's efforts to improve communication between the school district and the communities and his hard work "to improve the academic performance of students."

Cole was lauded as a "friend of education" who improved educational performance throughout the district.

Poinsett playground equipment

EL CERRITO—New playground equipment for Poinsett Park is expected to be delivered next week (Feb. 24) and installed during the first week in March.

Community Development Manager Gerald Raycraft reports there will be a celebration to recognize the many people who helped make the new Poinsett Park playground a reality. A date for the celebration has not yet been set.

New stop signs

EL CERRITO—After a request by a neighbor and study by a traffic engineer, the City Council approved placement of stop signs on South 53rd Street at School Street in western El Cerrito.

A sight distance analysis determined the safe approach speed to the intersection to be below 10 miles per hour and that "right-of-way" controls were warranted. City staff sent notices to area residents about the potential stop sign placement and no objections were received back.

Stop signs are to be placed on the northbound and southbound South 53rd Street approaches to School Street.

— Stories by J.R. Deaton

New mail delivery hub for Albany, Berkeley

By James Carter

The U.S. Postal Service hopes to deliver a new mail delivery hub on Harrison Street by early June, according to Berkeley Postmaster George Banks.

The \$10 million project under construction near U.C. Village will be home to 85 postal employees including letter carriers in Berkeley and Albany. Four zip codes will be handled at the facility: 94705, 06, 07 and 10.

As a result of the construction project, mail carriers from the Elmwood station in Berkeley will eventually be transferred to a facility at 2705 Webster St. while letter carriers from the Albany office on Solano Avenue will work out of the new building near Gilman Street.

Banks said both the Elmwood and Albany stations will continue to operate as "financial operations," meaning locations where customers may purchase stamps, ship mail and packages and access post office boxes. No retail functions will be performed at the new building, according to the postmaster.

Clients at the Solano Avenue station in Albany will find it easier to find a parking spot since delivery trucks will, for the most part, stop operating there, according to station manager Charles Patterson. The Solano Avenue location will also be "opened up," Patterson said, and will include a larger waiting area and service counter. However, no new clerks are scheduled to be hired, he said.



The familiar row of mail jeeps parked at the side of the Albany Post Office will be relocated.

The new postal facility, an 18,314-square-foot building located on Harrison Street between Sixth and Eighth streets, will make full use of an automated system called "delivery point sequence," or DPS, Banks said.

Prior to the use of DPS, mail carriers sorted letters for their routes before delivering the mail. According to Banks, it is estimated that as many as two hours may be trimmed from routes as a result of the use of such automation, though flats and other packages will still require sorting by letter carriers.

"There will be a route adjustment process," Banks said. "We'll get input from the (Letter Carriers) union and from the individual carriers. But there will be no layoffs."

As attrition reduces the numbers of carriers, vacancies will not be filled, according to Banks, routes might be increased in size since DPS will sort most mail, but he maintained workers will be transferred or otherwise reassigned and no jobs will be lost.

Union officials apparently are not so optimistic.

According to Bruce Holt, third vice president of the National Association of Letter Carriers, Branch 1111, union officials agreed years ago to implement DPS in order to keep the postal service competitive with other delivery companies. Holt said there have been disagreements on how to implement the system.

The Postal Service and national union also went to arbitra-

tion to resolve the issue of "transitional employees" employed by the Postal Service during the transition to DPS, Holt said.

Transitional employees are paid lower wages and benefits than their union counterparts. The starting wage for a union letter carrier, not including benefits, is \$13 an hour.

The Letter Carriers Union national contract expired on midnight Nov. 20, 1998. The U.S. Postal Service and the union recently signed an agreement to submit the ongoing collective bargaining process to a limited period of voluntary mediation to begin by March 15.

DPS and transitional employees are among the topics being discussed during the national negotiations.

Obituary

Joe De Martini dies at 84

Joseph "Joe" De Martini, a popular figure in the area for over 60 years and one of the few survivors of an era when San Pablo Avenue was one of the most popular entertainment spots in the Bay Area, died Feb. 13 at Alta Bates Hospital. He was 84 years old.

De Martini owned the Mel-O-Dee Club for six years. The club dates back to another era in El Cerrito and Albany when San Pablo Avenue glistened with nightclubs and bars. Until his health failed him, De Martini never missed a day of work.

The Mel-O-Dee Club was first established in the late 1930s, located on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue across the street from what then was the Albany Police Department.

It later relocated to 565 San Pablo Avenue, across the street from what is now Albany Bowl. It

wasn't until 1969 that DiMartini relocated to El Cerrito Plaza where the Mel-O-Dee Club continues to thrive.

De Martini is survived by his son, Kenny DiMartini, daughter Pam Clark, sister Rose Marrow, four grandchildren, sister-in-law Eda Gatto, and other members of the famed Gatto/De Martini family.

Friends are invited to attend vigil services Thursday, Feb. 18, at St. John the Baptist Church, 11150 San Pablo Avenue. A funeral mass will be held Friday, Feb. 19, at 11:30 a.m. The funeral is private.

The family asks that contributions in DiMartini's memory be made to the Parkinson Network of Mt. Diablo, P.O. Box 3127, Walnut Creek, 94598, or to the Samuel Merritt College of Nursing Scholarship Fund, 370 Hawthorne Ave., Oakland, 94609.

EC Democratic Club meets Tuesday

The El Cerrito Democratic Club meets on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury, in El Cerrito.

The program will include discussions of changes that might be possible now that a Democratic

Governor is in office and instructions to delegates to the California Democratic Council and the California Democratic Party Conventions in view of this new political situation.

For more information call Rolf M. Weber at 524-8142.

Help make a difference on the shoreline

On Feb. 21, Community Impact invites the public to a one-day volunteer project to help curtail the spread of nonnative pampas grass at Miller-Knox Regional Shore Park, at Point Richmond.

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Tickets will be sold prior to the event on a first come, first serve basis and tickets will not be sold at the door. For more information contact Greg Hoff at (510) 559-9485 and Bill K'Burg at (510) 528-7400. We hope to see you there!

— Laura Larson

Albany PTA

By Kay Weinstein

Albany High School

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8 a.m. Live Oak Concerts: Vera Breheda, Piano
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Not a dry eye as students raise funds for Disneyland

By James Carter

ALBANY - Students from the AHS Choir and Musical Theater class were singing in the rain Feb. 6 as they washed cars in an effort to raise funds so they can perform at Disneyland.

"It's wet—it's really wet cause we're washing cars and it's raining," Max Livingstone said as a torrent of rain drenched him from head to toe and proved that theory

The AHS Choir and Concert Band were both invited to perform April 21 at Disneyland, but need to raise funds for the trip.

that washing the car is the best way to bring precipitation.

Despite the downpour students washed—and rinsed—20 cars by noon while other volunteers, including students and parents, held a rummage and bake sale in the Little Theater lobby nearby. Meanwhile across town in the Community Center, six instrumental bands played to the rhythm of the rain as it tapped on the windows and the walkways outside, doing their best to raise funds so the AHS Concert Band can also perform at Disneyland.

The AHS Choir and Concert Band were both invited to perform in the magic kingdom April 21. It is hoped both groups will also visit UCLA and participate in music clinics there.



James Carter

Rain didn't stop music supporters from getting their car washed by eager music students last weekend.

During the musical play-a-thon, the Concert Band performed The Turkish March and several other works-in-progress to an enthusiastic crowd.

Walpurgis Night—a professional acoustic rock group, and a jazz sextet contributed to the Disneyland fundraising effort by performing very polished work for free.

The AHS Jazz, Symphonic, and Intro to Rock classes also gave up their Saturday to support their classmates' efforts to represent Albany High School in Southern

California.

Students were not the only ones to brave the rain Feb. 6. Many dedicated parents volunteered long hours in efforts to make the events a success. After all, the musical and performing arts departments at Albany High have a reputation to protect. Organizers hope all members of the community will support the high school programs and help maintain the prestige they have worked so hard to achieve.

Two years ago both the AHS Concert Band and Choir made

very successful trips to Southern California. Yet despite past achievements, it remains a daunting task to raise the kinds of funds needed to make such a journey—an experience that is forever etched in the memories of a high school student.

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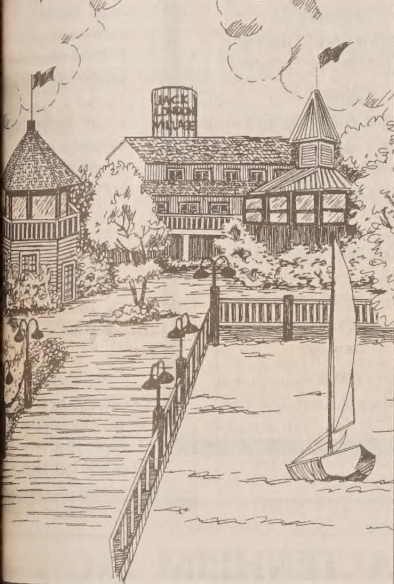
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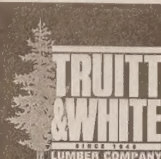
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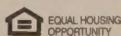
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'Affirmative Acts'

La Peña and KPFA present "Affirmative Acts" a celebration to honor poet and activist June Jordan on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 8 p.m. at King Middle School 1781 Rose St., Berkeley, a very special event to recognize a life dedicated to activism and art and the woman described as "our premiere black woman essayist." The event combines poetry, prose and performance of the most published African American author in history, on the occasion of her 25th book. Tickets, on sale at independent bookstores, are \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance.

'Coriolanus'

The Center for Theater Arts opens its Spring Season with "Coriolanus" by William Shakespeare. This spectacular production promises to be one of CTA's largest shows with a cast of more than 40. With fights, famine, betrayal and deception, "Coriolanus" is a tragedy of great proportions. Performances are Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26 through March 14 at 8 p.m., with Sunday matinee performances at 2 p.m. in UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Playhouse.

Sunday matinee performances will include post-performance discussions with the director and cast. Tickets are \$12 general, \$8 faculty/staff and \$6 for students and seniors. Details: 642-9988.

Sub-Urbans go downtown

The Sub-Urbans play live at Mr. E's on Shattuck Avenue in downtown Berkeley on Friday with shows at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Made up of some of the leading Bay Area jazz and pop musicians, The Sub-Urbans plays acoustic folk-jazz-rock with a twist. Haunting melodies, driving grooves and highly poetic lyrics are the hallmark of this group. Their debut CD, Paradise is available at your local record store and will be for sale at Mr. E's. Details: 848-2009

Reconciling Congregation benefit

On Friday at 8 p.m. the Wesley Foundation celebrates its first Reconciling Congregation Benefit Concert — devoted to affirming gay, lesbian and bisexual persons in the church — with musicians Alice Ducey and Giovanni Alfieri at 2398 Bancroft Way in Berkeley. Ducey has been playing for 12 years in the Bay Area and beyond, including opening for Shennan Alexie (screenwriter, "Smoke Signals") during a benefit performance in 1998. The suggested donation for this benefit event is \$10-20 but no one will be turned away due to lack of funds. The doors will open at 7 p.m. Coffee and desserts will be available. Details: 549-1244.

Swing Night at Claremont

It's Swing Night tomorrow at the Claremont, with Cynthia and the Swing Set providing cool, sophisticated sounds from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. for your dancing pleasure. Details: 843-3000.

57 years later, Feb. 19 is not forgotten

'Day of Remembrance' events for those interned during World War II

Dec. 7, 1941 is "a day that will live in infamy" in U.S. history, the day the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. But for many Americans, Feb. 19, 1942 is also a day that must not be forgotten: The day orders were signed resulting in the internment of many law-abiding U.S. citizens, most notably the Japanese-American population. The date is observed annually with activities intended to remember what happened (see list). Below is the story of a couple who remember their time in the internment camp.

By Kazuo Nakahara

On Dec. 7, like other Americans! Ernie and Chizu Iiyama of El Cerrito remember Pearl Harbor and the entry of the United States into World War II. But for them and other Japanese-Americans, there is another Day of Remembrance — Feb. 19. On that day in 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, authorizing the Secretary of War to establish restricted-entry military zones.

Implementation of the order resulted in the evacuation and internment of 120,000 Japanese-Americans (including the Iiyamas) and more than 2,000 Japanese-Latin Americans, as well as numerous Italian- and German-Americans, into America's concentration camps.

As Japanese-Americans, for Chizul and Ernie both historic days have had a profound impact on their lives.

On Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941, Ernie was in his Oakland home working on a resolution for the Nisei (second-generation American-born Japanese) Young Democrats, which protested the U.S. sale of scrap iron and oil to militarist Japan. Ironically, he was typing this resolution when he was interrupted with the news about the Japanese bombing Pearl Harbor. The worst fears of those Japanese-Americans who were aware of Japan's imperialistic plans had been realized, and the Japanese in America faced a

very frightening and uncertain future.

Chizu, who lived near San Francisco's Chinatown, had just left her church, when she heard the newsboys announcing "Japs bombed Pearl Harbor!" She and her family worried about what was going to happen to them now that war with Japan was inevitable.

She was also concerned about the people in Hawaii once she found out where Pearl Harbor was and wondered what would happen to those Hawaiians of Japanese ancestry.

With her fellow students at Cal Berkeley she was studying for finals. The UC administration urged them to continue their studies, but some of her friends did not return the next semester in order to protect their families on the farms from racial violence in retaliation for the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

On April 7, 1942 (which happened to be her sister's 22nd birthday), Chizu's family was among the first group to be evacuated from San Francisco. They were sent to Santa Anita Race Track, designate as an assembly center near Los Angeles. Chizu was to have graduated from UC Berkeley in May, and she vividly remembers being outside the horse stall when the postman delivered her diploma.

Her family (including her parents, two brothers, her sister and herself) was then relocated to Topaz, the internment camp in the Utah desert. There the six of them lived together in one room. Rumors were rampant in camp that all the Nisei men would be castrated or that all Japanese internees would be put on an island and bombed.

On May 10, Ernie was evacuated from Oakland to Tanforan Race track in San Bruno, which served as an assembly center. From there he was later relocated to Topaz, Utah, where he shared one room with three other bachelors. He fondly remembers the nightly discussion groups held

in that room that focused on world events and national issues outside the camp, including Soviet politics in and segregation in the South.

Initially Ernie worked in the housing department reading accommodations for the nearly 9,000 people who eventually populated the camp. The Army brought in newcomers every two weeks whether or not the barracks were fit for inhabitants. Rainstorms on roofless barracks meant hastily moving the hapless internees into the hospital wards for shelter.

It was when Ernie shifted to a job in the camp social services department that he met Chizu, who was counseling the families and mediating conflicts between neighbors.

A common problem she had to facilitate was the lack of privacy with the crowded and open accommodations which made it difficult for the families to adjust to camp life. Also, she had to assuage the bitterness felt by many of the internees at having been uprooted from their homes and transported to what they considered a rather god-forsaken place.

As American citizens, the Nisei felt this was a gross violation of their civil rights. Many of the first generation who had immigrated from Japan were worried about the loss of their homes, businesses or farms outside the camp and how, at their advanced age, they were going to earn a livelihood when and if they left this camp.

As executive secretary to the camp council, Ernie also helped to deal with the complaints expressed by the internees. The council served only in an advisory capacity to the War Relocation Authority which actually governed the camps. The first generation Japanese, the issei, were denied citizenship by law, and therefore were also not allowed to be on the camp council. Much later it was recognized that their voice should be heard and they were permitted to be part of an

Day of Remembrance events

• Thursday, Feb. 18, UC Berkeley Wheeler Hall: Asian American Jazz Orchestra Concert. Cindy Koga 643-5497

• Saturday, Feb. 20, 9 a.m. to noon, Enmanji Buddhist Temple Sebastopol: Panel of speakers including a Japanese-American, a Japanese-Latin American, a Japanese-Canadian. Call M. Sugiyama (707) 544-4824

• Sunday, Feb. 21, 3 p.m. at Kabuki Theatre; 5 p.m. at the National Peace Plaza; 5:30 p.m. Reception Japanese Community Center. Concert (\$12 admission at the door). Candlelight procession (free), Reception (free) at the National Historical Japanese American Historical Society (415) 921-5007

• Sunday, Feb. 21, San Jose: Speakers and a candlelight procession. Call Bert Takeuchi (408) 942-8642

• Saturday, Feb. 27, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave. Recognition of and speeches by Shirley Barshay, Alma Wain and William Stevenson who helped the Japanese American and their families with the evacuation. Call Ken Yabasaki (408) 4008.

adjunct group to the council. Both Ernie and Chizu recall the hard blow the issei felt suffered to their self-esteem.

In the outside world they used to be the masters of households. But in camp they had to relinquish much of their traditional authority to their teenage children who, as citizens fluent English speakers, communicate with the government body of the camps.

As a consolation, many of the issei men were made block leaders to deal with the minor complaints from the internees. Chizu laughs as she reveals that Nisei punsters jokingly referred to their fathers as "blockheads."

Chizu remembers how difficult it was for her three sisters. See DAY on



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Community

Feb. 21
"Marijo"; 2 p.m.; an afternoon of storytelling in the African American tradition in celebration of Black History Month; Richmond Museum of History, 1910 Carnegie Library, 4th Street and Nevin Avenue; 235-7387.
North Berkeley Senior Center
 Feb. 18; 1 p.m.; Ballroom Dance

with Roman Ostrowski; 2 p.m. Tai Chi exercise with Brian Umeki
 Feb. 19; 1 p.m.; Drawing/painting workshop with Rubin; Olda dna new Poetry with Bob Randolph
 Feb. 22; 1:15 p.m.; classical piano concert with Steve Arnston
 Feb. 23; 10:30 a.m.; Clutter Busters with Allen Stross
 Feb. 24; 1:15 p.m.; Chinese New Year Celebration
 Feb. 25; 9 a.m.; drop-in bridge; 3 p.m.; solving housing problems with the Law Center
 1901 Hearst Ave.; 644-6107.

Kensington 55+ Activity Center
 Feb. 18; 11 a.m.; community, "The Plan for Kensington Park" with Joan Gallegos and Helen Horowitz.
 Feb. 25; 11 a.m.; health, "Massage Therapy" with Bertha Rohrbach.
 Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., 526-9146 for weekly schedule or information.
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"Work Buddies"; volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per

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SMART project; the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 See GOINGS on A10

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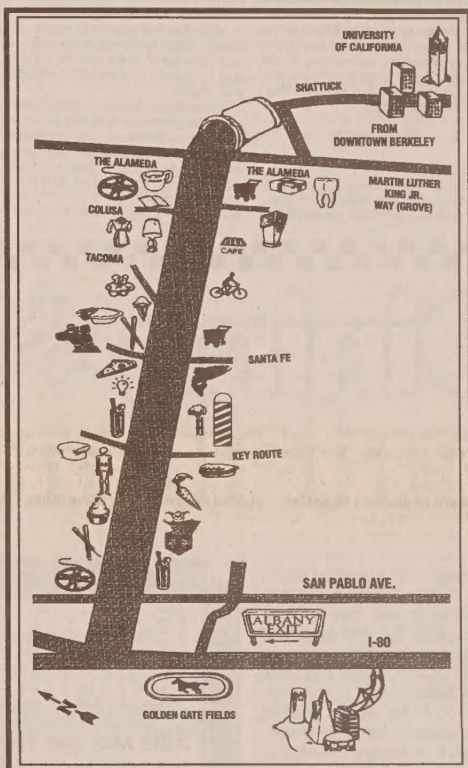
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Exhibits

Feb. 19
Art in the Loft; through March 14; hand-blown glass, marbles, vases and goblets by Christopher Roscoe and Arturo Ramos, functional art, jewelry and boxes by Susan Emerson; watercolors and hand-made cards by Lucy Emerson; 2599 Eighth St., #41, Berkeley; 848-7952.

Ongoing
"All over the Place" and "Vessels of Comfort: The Cloth Figure in Human Form"; through March 2; Bobbi Finley's quilts and Jesse Chandler's dolls on display at New Pieces, 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley; 527-6779.

BACA Members' Showcase; Wednesdays through Sundays, noon to 5 p.m.; through Feb. 21; over 200 regional and national artists; 1275 Walnut St.; 644-6893.

Albany Arts Committee celebrates the Foyer Gallery with a retrospective exhibit running through Feb. 22. The purpose is to highlight Albany Artists. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information, call 524-9283.

Lectures and workshops

Feb. 19
"India: Current Status and Problems"; 11:15 a.m. with the Honorable R.M. Abhyankar, consul general of India; City Commons Club at Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave.; 848-3533 or 845-4725. \$1 admission with coffee; lunch \$10.75 or \$12.25. This lecture was incorrectly listed as taking place last week.

Feb. 24
Debate on Jesus; 7 p.m.; Marcus J. Borg and N.T. Wright, two of the leading historical Jesus scholars, authors of "The Meaning of Jesus," present their significantly different visions of who Jesus was, what he taught and what he did; Sanctuary of First Congregational Church of Berkeley; Channing and Dana; www.FCCB.org.

Ongoing
"Art-On-Site"; Wednesdays 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. through March 24; eight-week slide-lecture and field trip series; Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St.; 525-2464.

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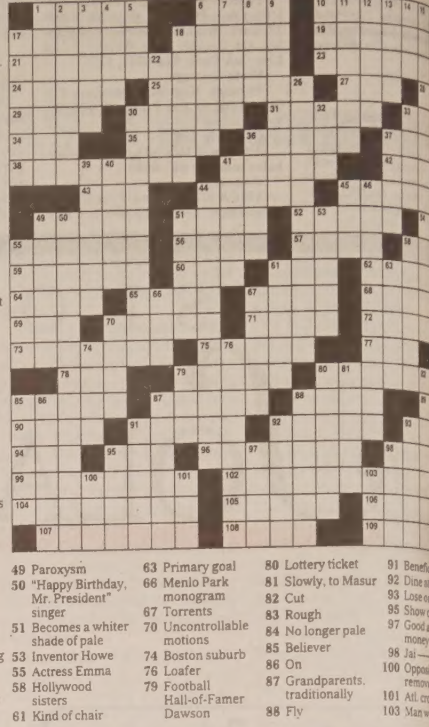
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TOPS; 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stannage St. at Marin; Earnie, 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6858.

Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters; meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call 643-7645.

Toastmasters; noon - 1 p.m. Tuesdays; stand up and say what you mean; practice with the toastmasters; 700 Heinz Ave., Berkeley; 883-8708.

Music

Feb. 23
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...were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."
— Thomas Jefferson, 1787



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Letters to the Editor

community decide gun tax

the phrase that best com-
pletes the sentence.

- A. speeder is to Honda.
 - B. medication is to Longs.
 - C. bullet is to gun.
 - D. all of the above
- That most El Cerrito High
School students taking the SATs would
choose "C" as the correct answer.
Robert Weaver of the Old
Gun Room would have five
hundred members believe that
the correct answer is "D. all of the

Mr. Weaver, these phrases
are all analogous. A car prima-
rily is to carry the driver from
one place to another, efficiently and
safely. Medication intends to
relieve and enhance the quality of

ever, just as the original
bullet fired from a cross
bow to kill, maim or otherwise
harm someone or ani-
mal, a bullet fired from a gun
intends to kill or maim. No
one would dispute that the
only reason for gun
sales and many responsible
own and operate handguns
is to protect themselves from
another person's target shooting.
Creation fails as a gun's in-
tent.

query put forth at the coun-
cil meeting asked if it is reasonable
to expect a person who
pays for the sale of guns
to pay for the im-
pact same guns have on the
city. Is it reasonable to ask
anyone that makes money off

the sale of cigarettes to take respon-
sibility and pay for the impact those
cigarettes have on society?

Only the community at large or
the society as a whole can answer
the questions. But, in order to an-
swer the question, the community
must first be asked. Not a den of
liberal extremists seeking to ride
their moral high horse while run-
ning gun shop owners out of town,
El Cerrito is instead a community
with extreme political, ethnic and
economic diversity, deserving of the
opportunity to answer the gun tax
question.

Put the tax on the ballot. Let
each member of the community
answer the question of responsi-
bility for him or herself. If the City
Council retains concerns about im-
plementation should the mea-
sure pass, then include the pro-
jected costs with voter information
pamphlets. But do not silence the
voice of the majority.

Leslie Weir
El Cerrito

Why would we want Wal-Mart?

Editor:

In his Jan. 28 letter to the Jour-
nal, an El Cerrito writer bemoans
the absence of a Wal-Mart store at
the Plaza. Does he know that: 1.
Wal-Mart sells goods produced by
child labor? (Associated Press)? 2.
Nearly 50 Wal-Mart stores have
been built in Southern California
by non-union labor, nearly a half
billion in construction costs. (Union
Plainfacts/Community Website)? 3.
Three small town pharmacies in
Arkansas won a court fight against
Wal-Mart, charging unfair

pricing. (National Public Radio, Oc-
tober, 1993)?

Art Schroeder
El Cerrito

Concentrate on city's true needs

Editor:

In reference to Norman La
Force's letter to the Journal spon-
soring a city tax on gun sales, I see
this more as a political "statement"
rather than a serious attempt to
keep criminals from owning guns,
as Councilman La Force piously
asserts.

It seems that not too long ago the
council also passed a resolution
urging the state to divest itself of
tobacco investments. This too, in
my opinion, was not exactly normal
council business but was intended
as a political "statement" against
the tobacco industry.

Since these are two issues very
dear to liberals, I am concerned
that the City Council is being un-
duly influenced by a minority of
crisis-mongering liberals in the city
who love issuing "statements" and
slogans.

I would hope that El Cerito would
not become another Berkeley, a city
so consumed with leftist issues
proclamations, and slogans, that it
literally ignores the city's "pot holes
in the street."

I urge the council to defeat the
La Force measure and not let the
City Council become a forum for
liberals to issue "statements" and
slogans, and instead tend to the
city's pressing needs such as re-
viving the Plaza, crime on San Pablo
Ave., etc.

Isaac Swartz
El Cerrito

Putting the Community in Community Graduations Part II

week's column on the
proposal to move high
graduations from the Rich-
mond Auditorium to high school
sites drew a lot of response.
You very much to every-
one, sent along comments.
I may not have re-
sponded to you all individually, I
did them all.

I shared my own
view on the issue last week,
column I thought I would
present a representative view
from the issue from parents,
teachers, and community mem-
bers. I did not ask people for
their views to use their messages,
but from anonymous.

One writes, "I think it is
a good idea to move graduations to
high schools. Parents and stu-
dents would feel a sense of fam-
iliarity. This is what
graduation is today's society. I
think that many of
parents will be surprised
by the conditions of their
graduation. It might provoke more
interest in the graduation at the
high school level."

Another writes, "It is
important to get school com-
munity to the new format,
and to have a good first
graduation. Graduating stu-
dents could also be
encouraged to make a differ-
ence to 'make a differ-
ence' and speak to the rest of
the body of the benefits
of the graduation at the
high school level."

And from students on se-
veral of the issue. One high
schooler wrote, "I strongly
believe that graduation to our
high schools is the actual
reason why we are gradu-
ating. The experience
is enjoyable, and easier.
I think that the experience
of attending two ceremonies
at the Richmond Auditorium
is a lot more stressful than
attending one ceremony at
the high school level."

ated. I've always felt the environ-
ment was entirely wrong for
graduation. The enclosed build-
ing captures the noise from the
unstopable screaming and echoes
it into the ears of everyone
attending. Also, it doesn't make
sense to graduate at a place that
has no connection with the school.
During both the graduations I
attended the weather was beau-
tiful. An outdoor graduation
would be much more serene and
would give the happy feeling I
desire from the ceremony. Fi-
nally, holding graduation at the
Richmond Auditorium causes
people to locate to a place where
some may never have been to,
instead of at the familiar location
of school.

From a different perspective
another student wrote, "I at-
tended the All-City Council, a
meeting of the five main high
schools in the district. One topic
that has been on two of our meet-
ings so far has been high school
graduations. During the meet-
ings, we decided that our goal
was to get the graduation times
split up so that families wouldn't
have to choose which graduation
they want to attend. Each high
school compiled a list of seniors
with graduation conflicts. The
principals' rationale for schedul-
ing graduations at the same time
was to give it a sense of commu-
nity and to stop graduation crash-
ers. I have no problem with hav-
ing graduation on our field, pro-
vided that the facilities are re-
paired, but the solution to deter-
ring graduation crashers creates
another problem. In their noble
attempts to make graduation
nicer, graduation may be ruined
for others.

A community member wrote,
"I am very pleased that the gradu-
ations will be at the local sites. I
think it is long overdue. I think
the Site Councils at each school



should be tapped for planning
and coordination help, but be-
lieve each Principal should have
the final responsibility to work
out and finalize each plan."

Thanks to everyone who wrote
in. I look forward to our board
discussion of this issue on Feb.
24.

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tion KEGC 88.1 FM. The next
WCCUSD School Board meeting
will be held on Wednesday, Feb.
24, at 7 p.m. in the Richmond
Auditorium.



Man About Town

By Dave Greer

Of Blockers, Chokers, and Pork Chops

Here's a riddle for you: What is
8-1/2 by 11 inches, weighs about
6-1/2 pounds, has a white cover,
and may change the city of Al-
bany forever?

Answer: It is the Citywide
Transportation Plan for the City
of Albany now being mulled over
by the Traffic and Safety Com-
mission. Kolve Engineering has
been compiling this monstrous
tome for over a year now, and it
contains more facts and figures
about Albany's streets than any
of us ever need or want to know.

The document is, "A mighty
maze! but not without a plan," as
the poet and satirist Alexander
Pope once said of life. And in
order to make sense of what one
city official calls "the leviathan,"
one must understand that it is
ultimately social engineering de-
signed to alter our behavior and
way of life by making physical
changes in our environment.

The automobile is to be de-
throned as king of the road. The
transportation system, which was
so well designed for moving people
in cars, is to be reconfigured to
move more of them by bicycles,
feet, and public transit. These
"non-auto modes" are to be given
"equal rights of access" to our
streets.

Equal? I asked Matthew
Ridgway, chairman of the Traffic
and Safety Commission at a re-
cent meeting if this really meant
that bikes, roller blades, skate-
boards, rickshaws and donkeys
were to have equal — as in just
the same as — right to the roads.
He laughed off the rickshaws and
donkeys but hung tough with the
rest.

This response is congruent
with the extreme politically cor-
rectness of the Transportation
Plan. It is a kind of morality play
in which motorists are the bad,
sick guys whose behavior must
be modified to "reduce automo-
bile dependency" and the result-
ing victimization of everybody
else, particularly the children —
it's always the children these days
— the elderly, and the disabled.
It is assumed the latter two cat-
egories share the planner's aversion
to getting about in automo-
biles, although I never noted it.
The planners seek to make us
"comfortable on the streets with-
out our automobiles" as this, we
are strangely told, is "a key to
knowing others in the commu-
nity." The brave new world en-
visioned will be a wondrous place
where all romp together in streets
vastly more "livable, safe, and
friendly."

We will also become more civic
spirited. And somehow — even
while paying big bucks for all this
road work — we will have more
"community and personal re-
sources for other social and per-
sonal goals." (No, I can't explain
it.) The traffic engineers reluc-
tantly "recognize the need for
automobile travel to be preserved
for economic and practical rea-
sons." Preserved, but rendered
more difficult with the aim of
reducing it. This is called "traffic
calming" and can be accomplished
in a wide variety of ways ranging

from more stop signs to removing
whole travel lanes and narrow-
ing or partially blocking the
streets with "hardscape," or con-
crete.

Hardscape can take many
forms including "bulb outs" at
the ends of blocks (as on Solano
Avenue) midblock "chokers" that
create a white-knuckle-slalom
course for motorists, "chicanes"
that make streets writhe like
snakes, and of course, speed
bumps. Aside from the bumps,
which Kolve euphemistically
calls "humps," the aim of all these
measures is to slow a driver down
by increasing his fear of a head-
on collision.

The centerpiece of the current
plan is the proposed reduction of
Marin Avenue from four travel
lanes to two with a center lane for
left turns, and two bicycle lanes.
This is the only portion of the
plan that has attracted much at-
tention although the city has held
some 20 public meetings to gain
public input.

People attending these meet-
ings agree that Marin has a speed-
ing problem, that it is difficult to
turn left on to it from side streets,
and that dangerous situations
exist around Marin and Cornell
schools when children are
dropped off and picked up. Most
so far have been in favor of the
Bicycle Advisory Committee's
proposal to cut travel lanes in
half and accept some "degrada-
tion of levels of service."

Maryanne Jones, Kolve's
project manager, assures people
that Marin now has enough "ex-
cess" carrying capacity so the chop
job would be feasible. Hans Kolve,
president of Kolve Engineering,
told me he thought two travel
lanes could handle any increase
in traffic for the next 15 years.
Kolve "hoped" traffic volume on
Marin would have peaked then
or before. But what if he is wrong?
Eric Boskin, the sole skeptic at
the Jan. 20 citywide meeting,
suggested that, "We might be cre-
ating a nightmare." And for all
practical purposes, it will be an
irreversible one.

Although most are as yet un-
aware of it, the final draft of the
city's Bicycle Master Plan —
which "reflects the Committee's
belief that bicycles play a major
role in the movement of people
throughout Albany" — contains
a proposal to make many streets
into Class II bikeways with bike
lanes striped on either side. This
paragraph reads as follows:

"Class II facilities should run
north-south the length of Peralta
Avenue, Santa Fe Avenue, Pierce
Street, and the Eastshore Front-
age Road as well as the portion of
Jackson Street from the Berke-
ley border to Solano Avenue.
Washington Avenue, from the
east border with Berkeley to Jack-
son Street, and Marin Avenue
should accommodate east-west
Class II facilities."

However, Kolve engineers con-
cluded that, "for most locations
where Class II bikeways are pro-
posed, a parking lane would need
to be removed in order to accom-
modate the minimum four-foot



Dave Greer

Cyclist in 'pork chop' waits for
the signal to change on
Channing Way at Martin Luther
King Jr. Way in Berkeley. A com-
bination of similar 'pork chops'
to accommodate bicyclists and
'blockers' to prevent through
vehicular travel on portions of
Albany's Adams Street is being
considered.

wide striped Class II bicycle
lanes."

I asked Ridgway what method
was to be used to decide which
side of the street would lose its
parking. I suggested that simply
flipping a coin might usher in the
era of enhanced goodwill plan-
ners have promised us.

Ridgway replied, "The BAC is
not advocating taking parking or
travel lanes with the exception of
Marin Avenue." He says he be-
lieves there is adequate room on
"a number of these streets" for
the bike lanes without taking
parking, and has requested Kolve
to recheck the widths. According
to Ridgway, a 32-foot street is
tight but still all right for two 4-
foot bike lanes, two 7-foot park-
ing lanes, and one 10-foot travel
lane.

A "Bike Boulevard" is proposed
on Adams Street from Washington
Avenue north to the El Cerrito
border. Kolve says a Class II
bikeway would also necessitate the
removal of one parking lane.
Ridgway agrees, and says the BAC
favors a Class III boulevard. In
this configuration the street would
be converted back to two-way travel
but cease to carry through traffic.
One end of each block would be
closed off by "blockers" with a "pork
chop island" slotted in the middle
to let bicyclists through. Access to
the blocks would come at the other
end with the intent that the area
be only for residents and bicyclists.

Ridgway says no such changes
would be made, "without consult-
ing the people in the neighborhood
and getting their consent."

The Traffic and Safety Com-
mission will hold a final public hear-
ing on the citywide plan on Thursday,
Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. in Albany City
Hall. After that it goes to the City
Council to be set — perhaps liter-
ally — in concrete. People who do
not inform themselves about the
plan and have their say now will
have no right to complain if their
city winds up looking a lot like
Berkeley, where social engineers
have been hardscaping the natives
for the last quarter century.

SNAPSHOTS



By Martin Snapp

Where Have You Gone, George Washington? Maybe it's because his birthday is coming up Monday, or maybe it's because of the farce that's been going on in the city that bears his name, but I've been thinking a lot about George Washington lately.

To many people he's a hard guy to warm up to, more remote than the idealistic Jefferson or the worldly Franklin.

But why did these great men, who were anything but modest about their own abilities, look up to Washington as the greatest of them all? Why did Franklin call him "the friend of all mankind"? Why did Jefferson call him "in every sense of the words, a good, wise and great man"? Why did Richard Henry Lee call him "first in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen"?

I think it was because they knew that every other military

conqueror in history - from Alexander the Great to Mao Tse Tung - started out as a liberator but ended up as a tyrant.

But not Washington. He alone refused to give in to the dark side of the force.

The crisis came in February 1783, when Congress reneged on its promise to pay the soldiers their back pay.

The ranks were rumbling with mutiny, and about 200 of Washington's senior officers met together to plot the overthrow of the government. Their plan was to march on the capital at Philadelphia, arrest the Congress, and install Washington as a military dictator.

But Washington got wind of the plot, and he surprised them by crashing the meeting. He started to read aloud a reassuring letter from a congressman, but then he suddenly stopped. He pulled out of his pocket something only his closest intimates had ever seen before: a pair of eyeglasses. "Gentlemen," he said, "please permit me to put on my spectacles, for I have not only grown gray in the service of my country, but also blind."

Then he walked out the door. The hardened soldiers dissolved in tears, and the coup d'etat was over before it began. And the United States did not become a banana republic.

Thank you, George.

... Moving from the Father of our Country to Bill "Look Ma, No Hands!" Clinton, the pundits are still asking each other: Why did Clinton win?

Answer: He didn't win. The Republicans lost. Clinton may not know the difference between a human being and a humidor, but at least he doesn't scare people. The Republicans do.

Fairly or not, the party of limited government is now perceived as the Bedroom Police. The party of law and order is now seen as a hotbed of gun nuts, militia groups and people who kill abortion doctors. The party of fiscal responsibility is now labeled the party that would rather give tax breaks to the rich than shore up Social Security. In short, the Grand Old Party suddenly looks radical, which is about the worst thing you can be in American politics.

Some of this is Clinton's doing, of course. But the Republicans bear a lot of the blame themselves. I ask you: If Watergate had come to a Senate trial, would Tip O'Neill have been so dumb as to appoint obvious lefties like Ron Dellums or Bob Drinan as impeachment managers?

Of course not. But that's exactly what happened this time when the Republicans appointed wing nuts like Bob Barr and Bill McCollum.

Bob Barr gives pep talks to white supremacist groups. Compare that to Bill Clinton, the first president in a long time who can shake the hand of a black man without flinching.

Mind you, Clinton is no George Washington. It's a long way from "I cannot tell a lie" to "It all depends on what your definition of 'is' is."

But how could he lose with cartoon villains like Barr and Starr and Linda Tripp on the other side? With enemies like these, who needs friends?

... Good news and bad news for feminists.

The good news: Sports Illustrated is apparently no longer publishing a swimsuit issue.

The bad news: That's because they've done away with the swimsuits. My copy of SI arrived in the mail last week, and I was startled to see that many of the models were stark naked. (Including Berkeley's own Rebecca Romijn-Stamos. How's that for a local angle?)

There used to be a time when SI pretended that the whole thing wasn't just a T&A show. When they started, the suits were modest and functional. And the models - this was before inflation set in and they were all promoted to "supermodels" - were athletic girl-next-door types, not naked scarecrows with come-hither looks and bosoms that are marvels of modern science.

But this year, SI has dropped the pretense completely. The cover shouts, "The Not-So-Virgin Islands!" (Nudge nudge, wink wink) "Birthday Suits! Six Supermodels In Nothing But Paint!"

I don't want to sound like a prude, but there's something icky about all this. Yes, these young women are well paid. And they don't spend it all on fast living, either. Romijn-Stamos, for one, has donated a chunk of her earnings to endow the drama program at Martin Luther King Junior High, which she attended long before she became rich and famous.

But any job that makes you take your clothes off in front of strangers is demeaning. To say nothing of the disastrous effect on the 99.999 percent of young girls who will never be able to have a body like a Barbie Doll, no matter how much they starve themselves.

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Abduction

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an informal parental "phone tree" in which parents passed the word to

families with school-age children. Abelson, whose own (now older) daughter was the target of an attempted abduction incident about seven years ago, said this latest incident has shaken her.

She also has an 8-year-old at Harding and said "I'm very concerned about my daughter being anywhere now."

Abelson said that when she went with her 8-year-old to the store this week "I wouldn't let her be in a different aisle even, because of that incident."

"We have taken this very seriously and have done all the follow-up," Lt. Daly said last

week.

The school district police have been informed and there was a security guard on duty at Adams Middle School for the after school program last week in response to the incident.

The city's Community Services Division, which administers after school programs, informed parents about the incident in a letter last week.

Community Services Manager Monica Kortz requested in the letter that all parents "be cautious" and pick up their child at the appropriate time.

The letter also recommends that children who walk home should do so in groups.

The case has been referred to the county's juvenile and sexual assault unit. "We're working on it," Daly said.

So, what is it that rubs a lot of us the wrong way about Sonny and Cher? What made them such a national joke?

Is it because of the facile, faux hipness they portrayed in the '60s when so many of us knew (or thought we did, anyway) that WE were the ones who really knew what was hip? (The two were disparagingly called "The Plastic Hippies," and the name stuck). Was it their supposed lack of talent? Cher's trashiness, her self-centered personality? Or was it Sonny's grinning vacuousness? Maybe it was that awful CBS variety show they did in the '70s, when most of us had (we thought) far better things to do than watch TV.

Even after Sonny's death people couldn't resist taking shots. I recall the reaction from Berkeley native/Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Johnny Otis. KPFA host Otis said, in effect, that Sonny had absolutely no talent, but that the guy could hustle and you had to like him.

So, going in, I'll admit I was unfavorably disposed toward ABC's "The Beat Goes On: The Sonny & Cher Story" that airs Monday night on Channel 7. Costar Jay Underwood doesn't at all resemble the gnome-like Bono. But Renee Faia has the dubious distinction of looking and sounding uncannily like Cher. She could pass for (gasp) Cher's twin. Faia puts her way through the entire film, which seems realistic enough (the teleplay was adapted from Sonny's autobiography). And as much as I hate to admit it, Bono did write — and the two recorded — some catchy hit singles.

Maybe the reason I don't hate this film is because I find Cher so annoying and that there's little attempt to hide her snide, ego-centered personality in this film.

By the way, U.S. Rep. Mary Bono is listed as executive producer. Imagine: Producing a network TV movie at the same time you're impeaching a President!

MULTIMEDIA NOTES:

San Pablo

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ing to Cyrus Minoofar, Senior Transportation Engineer of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency.

Work already underway

The traffic light project began in Albany Feb. 16 and is expected to take one month to complete there.

Efforts are also underway to connect to the new system in Berkeley, according to Traffic Engineer Chuck DeLeuw.

Some work will be performed on the sidewalk and street in Albany during the project, according to a construction alert issued by the city Feb. 11.

Both commuters and pedestrians are warned that there will be 3-4 days of activity "near or adjacent to most properties" on San Pablo Avenue, thean-

We're all sick of Y2K stories, aren't we? They're all over the place like a cheap suit. But they're just the kind of thing many TV news execs love: You get to show film of screwballs stockpiling water and guns. All I'm asking for is equal time here: When the Y2K scare turns out to be a bust — or perhaps a minor annoyance at most — could we please hold these neo-Luddites up to public ridicule? How about follow-up pieces next January on some of the same misguided, misinformed of this sad lot? We live out in the country, and we had a couple snooping around our neighborhood for property the other day. They asked about the reliability of our water supply. Y2K people. I told them it ran off the same control system as our local sewage-treatment plant, and mercifully, they disappeared. The saddest part? This couple claimed they were computer consultants. Oy ...

Speaking of questionable news judgements by TV execs, my son reports that all three major network affiliates up in Portland last Friday night went wall-to-wall with live pictures of the burning tanker off Coos Bay - pre-empting network newscasts on the same night a major national story had taken place, Bill Clinton's acquittal. "The fires had been detonated hours before, and the three stations were all running these hyped-up titles on screen, labeling their coverage 'Battle For The Coast' and such," my son reports. One local affiliate finally broke away 90 minutes late for a truncated network newscast at 7 p.m. Reason I mention this: Is there any doubt Bay Area TV stations would do exactly the same thing and slavishly force upon us this kind of pointless, breathless live coverage? Of course they would ...

More questionable news judgements: One surefire sign we're in a sweeps month: Puppy-mill stories. "NBC Nightly" ran one of these evergreens the other night ... Meanwhile, on NBC's "Dateline," the

candor of WWF wrestling czar Vince McMahon Sunday was almost as surprising as it was repellent: McMahon had no qualms whatsoever about his wrestlers calling woman "bitches" and "ho's" on prime time TV when a clip was shown to him and he was asked to respond. Hey, we're in the entertainment business, the apparently amoral wrestling shill rationalized. Remember when the FCC used to actually bother with matters of public decency? It is absolutely no accident sleazeballs like McMahon and Jerry Springer, who would have once been banished from broadcasting, are flourishing in today's slimy TV environment, one aided and abetted by an FCC that's become a bad joke and a lapdog of commercial broadcasters ...

This may be a radio record - 15 years without having once being fired. But the ax finally fell on KPRC's middie personality Celeste Perry last week. "I've worked under five owners here," said Perry, victim (along with nighttime DJ Paula Kelly) of the latest bad move by KPRC's clueless management (remember right-wing morning DJ Gary Bryant?). The oldesties station, which — fortunately for it — has no direct format competition, is, I am told, also about to put cutesy, talentless afternoon "personality" Cammy Blackstone on its morning drive show. The Peter Principle in action ...

Personable, ultra-sharp national/KGO radio personality Dr. Dean Edell was chuckling the other day at our breakfast about a cartoon he'd just seen. "In it, you see a bunch of bedridden people in a nursing home," Edell says. "One is saying to the other, 'Remember that extra year of life we gained? Well, this is it.' Explains the outspoken Edell: "We hear a lot about added life expectancy these days in the media. What we DON'T hear about is what that last year or two might be like." Edell smiles and confirms that he still gets

nouncement said, though no sidewalks are scheduled to be blocked.

The initial work in Albany will consist of what the bulletin referred to as "potholing ... saw cutting and removing the existing sidewalk" at certain locations, though such work is expected to be completed in about one week.

At some point during the next month, one lane along San Pablo Avenue in Albany will be closed for resurfacing.

Traffic managers using flags will attempt to keep traffic moving smoothly then, city officials said.

Though the project involves street construction along the entire length of the corridor, San Pablo Avenue should remain in use during the entire project, according to officials.

Albany's plans

Work in Albany will be per-

formed on the right southbound lane in intervals, said Andy Wilpolt, field foreman of Ray's Electric, the firm contracted for the project there.

Plastic conduits will be set into a five-to six-inch wide trench dug along the corridor, according to an official construction alert issued by the city.

A new signal will be installed at Solano and San Pablo avenues as well, one that will provide a left-turn arrow at that intersection, the document announced.

Down the road

One of the more interesting aspects of the signal work involves the installation of detection loops — highly sensitive electronic gear buried beneath the street capable of recognizing the presence of automobiles.

"Basically every time there's a car that goes on top of one of



letters from rabbi accused of being an anti-Semite. He has opposed circumcision years. "When they find Jewish they're usually ap- prised," he laughs. Edell that some reform rabbis allow a scaled-down cir- cumcision barely breaks the skin."

The eclectic-minded has a new book out, a collection of Chinese art called "Brush and the Stone." This month his first medical num opus will be published by Harper-Collins. "It was at everything," smiles the classic Edell. "It's a creation of controversy." I'm will ...

Another reason I avoid most of the time are the and pointless updates anyone really NEED to (or care) what became lead singer of Dokken?

My 20-year-old daughter whose long-time boyfriend, musician, hates it when this joke. But having of the rock business for years witnessed so much of behavior both offstage backstage, it's one of favorites: Q. What's the once between a savings and a musician? A. One savings bond will make money. Finally, Q. What do you call a who's just broken up with latest girlfriend? A. Home

these loops there's a chance the electro magnetic field that is detected through loop," according to Minoofar from ACCMA.

Such loops are in- tegrated to "cabinets" and signals themselves that traffic unit control system micro-processing unit instructs lights when to

Down the road cities counties may install big systems that track the traffic through a video- era connected to a dis- screen, Minoofar said.

Such technology is in the experimental stage will not be used in the project.

To obtain a free pamphlet that explains this project more detail, call The Alameda County Congestion Management Agency at 836-2814.

Culture

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gift shop and coffee shop could be operated by the center or leased to tenants.

"We want to be an addition not a competition" to other Bay Area cultural centers Ma explained at the meeting. She said the group is talking to leaders of other area cultural organizations to find out what people would want at the El Cerrito center.

Why does El Cerrito need a

multicultural center? "El Cerrito needs it because this area needs it — meaning the East Bay in general and West (Contra Costa) County in particular," Ma explained "because of the increasing diversity of our area." She said there is a desire in the area to "build up our cultural resources" and that there is a need "for our diverse communities to know more about each other."

Her organization, founded in June of 1997, tries to "celebrate and showcase" cultural diversity with a special focus on West

County.

Ma reported that "initial financing" will be primarily from foundation grants and corporate and individual donations. Although still in the initial planning stages, Ma estimated that the center will cost about \$7 million to \$10 million.

"That's our ideal," she explained.

Ma said she hopes the center will eventually be self-sufficient and would supplement its income through the gift shop and coffee shop to be located on

the premises.

Ma said the organization "would definitely be locating the center at the El Cerrito center if space became available, a location just west of Del Norte BART station, preferred because it is close to BART and the freeway Plaza. Ma said she hopes to build its multicultural center within three years.

Call 236-3255 for more information about CC&C or Area Multicultural Center raising effort.

Business

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got it," Maxwell explained.

Store manager Whitten said current owner Kwak is getting older and "really doesn't want to go into any kind of a price battle."

Of the three women employed at the store, Whitten said she will move to the Payn's Stationery store on Solano Avenue in Berkeley and the other two women are of retirement age and they plan to do just that.

"Unfortunately I'm not at that retirement age yet," Whitten said with a laugh.

Whitten said that when the Emporium closed and the Plaza became less of a draw, many businesses along San Pablo

Avenue also felt a chill.

"It just seems like the shoppers aren't hitting El Cerrito," said Whitten who has worked at the office supply shop since 1977.

"I've had some discussions with some of the people that have accounts with us, and it kind of feels dismal at the Plaza too," she added.

"I don't know — but it's sad," Whitten said about the store closing and about the general business climate in the city. "Since they closed the Emporium, it seems the trade is just not here," she said sadly.

The last day of business for Maxwell Office Products of El Cerrito will be Saturday Feb. 27.

After that, all remaining stock will be moved to Kwak's Berkeley store.

Obituary

Lola A. Hoyt Green died

Lola A. Hoyt Green, a 44-year El Cerrito resident and a longtime mathematics teacher in the Berkeley schools died Feb. 8 in San Pablo at age 66. Mrs. Green was born and raised in Oakland.

She graduated from San Francisco State University with a degree and later earned her masters at Holy Names College. She taught mathematics at Garfield Junior High School (now Martin Luther King Junior High) from 1955 to 1988. Before that she did her student teaching at El Cerrito High

School. She was a charter member of the Alpha Gamma Chapter of the Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority. She was also an active member of the Berkeley Retired Teachers Association.

She is survived by her husband Vern Green of El Cerrito, an aunt, Elizabeth Green of Memphis, Tenn., a nephew, Turley, niece Jan Turley and grand-niece Doreen Turley. Contributions in memory may be made to the SPCA.

Soccer playoffs a survival of the fittest

Panthers, Cougars ousted in league semis

St. Mary's, Albany and El Cerrito high schools all saw their soccer seasons end in dramatic 1-0 first-round

Thursday, St. Mary's put an end to El Cerrito's season with a 1-0 first-round

St. Mary's joy was short-lived, however. For on Friday, the Panthers lost 2-1 to eventual champion Richmond in the

St. Mary's, Albany and El Cerrito, however, can't say the

On Friday, Raphael Lima of St. Mary's scored in the sixth minute of the second overtime to lift the Panthers to victory over the Gauchos. Bryan

Both goalies kept plenty busy in the match. Justin Kelley ended 14 saves for the Panthers. Daniel Benton had 11

El Cerrito, which finished its season at 6-5-2 in the ACCAL, 13-8-2 overall.

the following day, Richmond staged an early season upset to win over the Panthers. St. Mary's had beaten the Oilers in regular-season play Dec.

There would be no repeat performance.

Richmond opened the scoring

in the 10th minute when Angel Orduno beat Kelley from close range off an assist from Sun Hin Saeyang.

St. Mary's pulled even in the 31st minute when Lima netted the equalizer with help from Patrick Barry.

Barry began the play with a cross that hit off the bar. Lima, however, was in perfect position to place the rebound past Oilers keeper Sergio Mendoza to knot the score at 1-1.

Just a few minutes later, though, Hector Orozco headed home the game-winner for Richmond with help from Ronald Tobar.

Neither team scored in the second half.

"We just didn't come out on top this time around," said Panthers coach Teale Matteson. "We're a big and physical team and they're small and quick. Richmond has a talented team and I couldn't be prouder of our guys now. We really played with some heart today."

On the bright side for the Panthers (9-3-4 overall), sweeper Jeremiah Fielder and freshman forward Stephon McGrew both gave strong performances.

Kelley finished with 10 saves for St. Mary's. Mendoza had eight for the Oilers.

Albany, meanwhile, had its hands full with Kennedy.

John Mendoza opened the scoring for the Eagles in the 21st minute, and Daniel Perez provided valuable insurance with a second goal nine minutes later. Billy Bennett scored the Cougars' only goal in the 48th minute.

David Avila made eight saves for Albany (8-2-3 overall). San-

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St. Mary's Chris Alfert battles with Richmond's Yensi Gonzales during their league semifinal game Friday at Richmond High.

Lady Gauchos wrap up a good season

By Peter Mentor

The El Cerrito High School girls soccer season could be judged in one of two ways, but the more positive approach seems most apropos.

The Lady Gauchos (10-4-3 overall) finished the season on a sour note, losing in a 4-3 upset defeat to De Anza in the first round of the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League playoffs.

It was a disappointing ending, but one that could hardly categorize just what the team accomplished.

A better view was a team that went from below .500 last year to a fourth-place finish in league during this campaign. For the first time in years the Lady Gauchos actually made the league playoffs and they did it by going 6-2-1 during the league season.

That mark could have been higher had the season not been abbreviated by a scheduling gaffe on the part of ACCAL commissioner Bob Roberts.

El Cerrito had to cancel the Encinal High match and that, most likely, would have brought the Lady Gauchos a seventh league victory. The ACCAL playoffs had to be squeezed into the end of last week instead of this week.

It is true the playoffs are something this team would like to forget. El Cerrito was seeded fourth and was playing at home against fifth seed De Anza.

The Lady Gauchos were leading 3-1 with 15 minutes to go in the game when the Lady Dons scored three unanswered goals in seven minutes to steal the game away from the upset.

El Cerrito coach Robert

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Davis' return has Jackets cruising

Berkeley faces final league hurdle at Amador Friday

By Peter Mentor

It would be easy to forget that Berkeley High girls basketball during the regular season because the team seems to be an automatic pilot since the

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where will be Friday night when Berkeley (17-5, 10-0 EBAL) travels to Pleasanton to face Amador Valley (20-1, 9-1 EBAL) for the second time.

Amador Valley has only one loss the entire season and that was a 71-48 pasting by the Jackets. This game will be for all the marbles.

"They only have one loss this season and they'll be out for revenge," said Nakamura. "It's going to be their championship game. We like the challenge. If you're trying to advance your

team to North Coast and NorCal, you have to meet the challenges like this."

Nakamura said his team will go at Amador Valley the same way it did the first time around. Berkeley is an overpowering team that has a deep bench, but it was team attitude that made it such a decisive win.

"I think we played them with some resolve," said Nakamura. "We played hard the whole game, which is something we didn't do earlier in the season."

The Jackets like to play top competition and they don't mind traveling. These games bring out the best in the Jackets. Nakamura is blunt about the success factor of his team. Having everyone play hard was a good step in the development of the team, but getting Coriel

Davis back was the key. "The turning point is when Coriel started playing," said Nakamura. "She adds a calmness to the team. She never gets too excited."

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she blossomed as a team leader. Hollans had a heavier burden at the time as well, making her more of a leader.

With the return of Davis, the three have become a force for Berkeley. That force is only getting stronger as they play together.

If there is one thing Berkeley can do that most teams cannot match, it is its ability to rest the starters and stay near the same level with the reserves.

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Berkeley bench shines as starters sit

By Mike McGreehan

For a group of Berkeley High School boys basketball players, the old saying, "better late than never," held so true Tuesday evening.

Those players, including some regular starters, arrived late to Berkeley High's gym for the Yellowjackets' East Bay Athletic League game with Foothill.

As a consequence, they didn't play until the fourth quarter. Though they did have their moments to shine, the game was pretty much already decided by the time they got to play.

That, of course, was due to the efforts of the rest of the team, which helped lead the Yellowjackets to a 74-52 win to stay undefeated in league play.

"Those guys got here late and it changed the whole chemistry of the game," said Yellowjackets coach Stelton Mitchell. "But (sitting the first three quarters) let them know we could play without them."

The Yellowjackets (11-0 EBAL, 18-5 overall) needed a few minutes to find their "new" chemistry. Foothill even led by as many as two points in the first quarter. But Berkeley was soon back on its game and Foothill stopped being a factor.

"They started getting warm," Mitchell explained. "It was a group of guys that hadn't played together and they were getting used to playing with each other."

Berkeley's win sets up a rematch with Amador Valley tonight (Berkeley High, 7 p.m.). Berkeley defeated Amador Valley 58-49 when the teams last met in Pleasanton on Jan. 22.

Amador Valley will be looking to even the season series, but as Foothill discovered, Berkeley is a quality team even when the regular starters don't play.

Berkeley led early in the contest, but when Foothill's David White completed a three-point play, the Falcons claimed their

first lead at 9-8 with 4:04 left in the first quarter.

Berkeley's Austin Nichols responded with a basket at the other end of the court. But Christian Hansen answered back with a 3-pointer to put the Falcons ahead once again at 12-10.

The Falcons never led again.

With 2:27 left in the quarter, D'Marcus Thompson took a long downcourt pass, drove to the hoop, scored, and was fouled. When Thompson buried the free throw, the Yellowjackets were ahead for keeps at 13-12.

Berkeley went on to improve its lead to 17-12 before settling for a 17-15 advantage at quarter's end.

In the second quarter, the Yellowjackets went on to lead by as many as seven points. But they still weren't out of the woods when the halftime break rolled around, as Foothill hung close at 29-24.

If any doubts existed earlier, Berkeley put them to rest in the third quarter by asserting its dominance and taking control.

A 3-pointer by Perry Pugh at the 6:46 mark put the Yellowjackets up 34-26—their biggest lead to that point.

But the lead would expand.

With 5:28 left, Nichols scored a basket, got fouled and converted the free throw for a three-point play and a 37-28 lead.

Moments later, Nichols stole a ball and passed to Pugh for an 11-point lead.

Those in the stands could sense the complexion of the game beginning to change. Nichols helped confirm that sensation by nailing a 3-pointer with 3:57 left in the quarter for a 42-28 lead.

Berkeley, not content to sit on its lead, never let up. With 1:48 left in the third period, Art Alexander scored off an inside

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Jackets

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The starting five of Davis, McGlaston, Hollans, Nichole Hardaway and Robin Roberson is nearly unstoppable. Amador Valley can stay in the game with its starters, but they have to sit sometime.

When Berkeley's starters need a breather, in comes a mix of Nicole Brown, Sabrina Keyes, Celeste Jenkins, Angelita Hutton, Fele Uperesa

and Natasha Bailey.

Keyes, Hutton and Bailey are freshmen who could be starters on most teams. Nakamura calls Hutton "another Coriel," which has got to put a scare into opponents for years to come.

"She comes in and there is no drop-off," said Nakamura of Hutton. "Most teams can't handle the drop-off of resting their starters. When they go to their bench and I go to my bench it's no contest. It's rare to have three freshmen that can contribute."

Bench

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pass from Pugh to put the Yellowjackets up 46-31.

Moments later, Thompson latched onto a long pass after a steal for a 17-point advantage. Pothill tried to make a push, but still trailed 50-36 at quarter's end.

David Doubly, one of Berkeley's fourth-quarter-only players, made the most of his playing time by scoring nine points. And it was one of Doubly's field goals that extended the Yellowjackets' lead to 18 points at 54-36.

When Thompson hit a trey with 1:52 left, Berkeley had its first 20-point margin of the night at 70-50. But the Yellowjackets weren't finished.

Jason Holman, another fourth quarter player, made it 72-50 with 1:21 left.

Moments later, Kaylin Thornton, a starter who also saw action only in the final quarter, stole a ball near the offensive baseline and bounced a pass to Shobab Gaston underneath the basket. The wide-open Gaston made no mistake, putting the ball in the bucket for a 74-50 lead, the Yellowjackets' biggest margin of the night.

Berkeley's impromptu start-

If teams are looking ahead to when Berkeley has leaner years, forget it. The varsity has only three seniors, who will be honored during the last home game against San Ramon.

There are three juniors, two sophomore and three freshman on varsity, so in a sense this is a rebuilding year.

Smoothing out any rough spots that may come down the line, Berkeley also has two talented teams in its junior varsity and freshman squad, both being undefeated.

lineup of Nichols, Pugh, William Watkins, Thompson and Nathan Dahl combined for 45 points. Nichols finished with 12 points and Pugh 11. Watkins added 10 and was a force on the boards. Thompson finished with eight points and Dahl four.

Gaston and Alexander added six points apiece off the bench.

"These guys knew they would have to suck it up, and they did a good job," said Mitchell, referring to his team's depleted depth.

Holman scored two points and blocked a shot in the fourth quarter. Malik Harris buried four free throws and Thornton added a bucket.

Gauchos

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Sackey was despondent after the game.

Many of the girls were crying and Sackey was upset because the team chemistry had fallen apart over the last two weeks, stemming from an academic grading disagreement.

Sackey gave some players a B grade for soccer, which is considered a physical education class at El Cerrito.

A few players confronted him in front of the team and from then on things didn't go as smoothly between the coach and his players.

Even still, the Lady Gauchos had the De Anza game in hand. Leah Ingram scored the first goal and, after the Lady Dons got the equalizer, Katie Eames scored the go-ahead for EC.

El Cerrito's Jennifer Yamoto connected for the 3-1 lead and all was in hand until the fateful minutes near the end.

A few days after the game Sackey had a different view on the season, which was supposed to be a rebuilding time for the team.

"Generally I would say we did a good job," said Sackey. "The girls did very well. I think we had a good season. It's a developing season."

There were a number of young players in key spots on a team that was 4-5 in league last year. Chances of making the playoffs didn't seem any better than the previous year.

A good preseason, including a win over Salesian, brought expectations higher. The Lady Gauchos were winning games

and staying near the top of the league standings.

Then came the referee mix-up for the league game against Salesian when the team didn't want to play after a long delay. The Lady Gauchos were flat and the Lady Chieftains used that win to jump over El Cerrito for third place in the league.

El Cerrito had chances to beat Alameda, but instead tied, and the Lady Gauchos played eventual league champion Piedmont to a 4-2 loss.

To put things in perspective, De Anza ended up losing 9-1 to Piedmont in the league semifinals. The Highlanders beat Alameda 2-0 in the ACCAL finals, then Piedmont advanced as an unseeded team into the North Coast Section playoffs.

The Lady Gauchos certainly showed their own against the league's best teams.

"We just had some opportunities that we did not believe we were up to that level," said Sackey. "We are going to be a stronger team, because there are girls who are going to play club soccer."

The difference between good and great teams in this league has mostly to do with how many players play year-round soccer.

El Cerrito will lose three top players in goalie Monica De La Rosa, team co-captain Yamoto and stopper Zoe Talbot, but there are others to step into their places.

Freshman Jenna Eames moving into the goal becoming a scoring player season. Ingram, who scored first goal against De Anza returning.

Another freshman Eames and her sophomore sister Katie Eames will be goals this season.

"Katie is going to be a goal nant," said Sackey of her offensive player, "and my sister Kirsten, who is a goal but bigger than her."

Also returning are the juniors who will be seniors next year. They include fielder Kate Erickson, already one of the team's captains, defender Jenny McKee and right forward Haley who scored five goals and 11 assists.

Sackey said he has a group of junior varsity players as well. Six of them really out, but especially JV captain Cathleen Peterson and Perry.

One other thing: the returning players know they had a good season that could have been better.

If the returning players at this season as a stepping stone to better things, the De Anza won't be the last memory, just a reminder that takes a full 80 minutes in game to win or lose a game.

East Bay Futsal League season begins

The East Bay Futsal League is offering a 10-game season through mid-March for boys and girls in the under-10 to under-19 age groups.

Futsal, a five-a-side indoor soccer game played on a basketball court, was developed in Brazil and is affiliated with the U.S. Soccer Federation.

The East Bay Futsal League, now in its third season, features 55-minute games at the Alameda Naval Air Station, Piedmont Middle School, Bret

Harte Intermediate School, the M. Robinson Baker YMCA and College of Holy Names.

Nearly 1,000 players from Berkeley, Oakland, Piedmont and other communities have already opted to develop their foot skills and decision-making abilities in this fast-paced sport.

Those who have any questions, or know of a gymnasium with time available, should call league president Liz Sterns at 547-2152.

Soccer

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tos Mendoza had four for the Eagles.

An unfortunate by-product of this match was a knee injury suffered by Kennedy midfielder Giovanni Mejia that might keep him out of the NCS playoffs.



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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 97-6002

The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name S.S. Enterprises, 203 Sandy Beach Road, Vallejo, CA 94590

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the County of Contra Costa on September 26, 1997

Surlinder M. Singh, 21701 Foothill Blvd, #120, Hayward

Sameer Soorma, 203 Sandy Beach Road, Vallejo

This business was conducted by a general partnership:

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 27, 1999

Signed: Sameer Soorma

Signed: Surlinder M. Singh

The Journal, February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 1999.

STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNERSHIP OPERATING UNDER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 94-347

The following person has withdrawn as a general partner from the partnership operating under the fictitious business name of P.J.'s Housecleaning, 2312 Dodge Ave, Pinole, CA 94564.

The fictitious business name statement for the partnership was filed on January 18, 1994 in the County of Contra Costa.

The full name and residence of the person withdrawing as a partner:

Jackie A. Abbott

Signed: Jackie A. Abbott

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 26, 1999

The Journal, February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 1999

STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNERSHIP OPERATING UNDER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 97-6002

The following person has withdrawn as a general partner from the partnership operating under the fictitious business name of (1) S.S. Enterprises, (2) Execupress, 203 Sandy Beach Road, Vallejo, CA 94590

The fictitious business name statement for the partnership was filed on September 26, 1997 in the County of Contra Costa

The full name and residence of the person withdrawing as a partner:

Sameer Soorma, 203 Sandy Beach Road, Vallejo, CA 94590

Signed: Sameer Soorma

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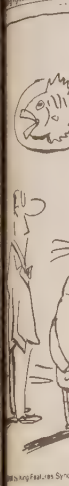
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Benicia walking tour focuses on mid-Victorian rarities

Owning a piece of history

By Mark Wilson

In this space on Feb. 4 and 5, we toured Benicia's rare, small-town 19th-century atmosphere, and some of that town's architectural treasures.

Now we turn to the mid-Victorian era landmarks along Benicia's main thoroughfare, 1st Street, and the tree-shaded residential side streets to the east and west of it.

Stick-style house

At 140 West 1 St. stands an exceptional example of a Stick-style House. Built between about 1880 and 1890, this charming house has unusually intricate and refined sawn-wood floral friezes.

The original ornate, wrought-iron fence still surrounds this property, a rare survivor of our World War II-era national "scrap iron" drive.

Colonial Revival cottage

A block further west, at 224 West 1 St., is a nice, late-Victorian Colonial Revival cottage built around 1895. In addition to the two old palm trees in the front yard, this house also displays an elongated portico.

Rare Stick-Eastlake style

Two blocks south, at 715 West 3rd St., is a fine Stick-Eastlake style house, built from 1880 to 1890. It has unusual patterns of sawn-wood decorations on the front porch and Italianate gable.

There are not many examples of a Stick-Eastlake mansion with its entire original grounds intact, but the outstanding home at 285 West G Street is such a precious piece of mid-Victorian elegance.

Built around 1876 by a "gentleman farmer," this huge house retains its spacious, farmlike setting, complete with the original white-picket fence and several tall nineteenth-century trees scattered about the lot. Delicate stickwork ornament and sunburst panels in the gables nicely set off the vertical mass of the overall house design.

At 166 West H St. stands a typical false-front Italianate house of the 1870s.

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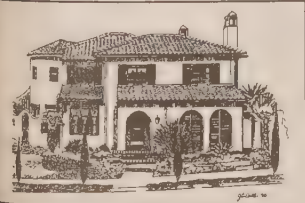
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Thursday, Feb. 18

The Alameda County Association of Life Underwriters will hold its monthly luncheon on Feb. 18 at 11:30 a.m. The meeting is at Dino's Restaurant, 3600 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley, Phone (510) 537-1454. All professionals are welcome. Call (925) 283-2520.

Saturday, Feb. 20

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The show will include Cymbidium Society of America judging, orchid plant raffles, cultural supplies and information, and repotting demonstrations. Call (510) 893-8478 for details.

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The Orchid Society of California meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. Learn about orchids and their care. Purchase orchid plants at the members' plant sale before the meeting. Orchard lecturers share their knowledge and provide plants for a raffle. Join the camaraderie and learn about the beautiful world of orchids. Call (510) 531-1210 for more information.

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Cathedral Building still soars as classic example of flatiron

Local Treasures

From Pacific Union

The Cathedral Building is a stunning example of "flatiron" skyscraper construction.

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Architect Benjamin G. McDougall is said to have been influenced by New York's Woolworth Building when he created the first fully Gothic skyscraper on the West Coast.

The 14-story steel-framed structure is clad in terracotta and decorative cast-concrete panels, and embellished with lavish Gothic ornamentation.

Originally known as the Federal Realty Building, then the Pierce Building, the Cathedral Building gained its name in 1969. The new owner explained that the top of the building inspired the new name.

The Cathedral Building has been renovated and is considered to be an excellent re-use of a historic structure.

Designated as a city landmark and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this unique property remains an important downtown presence.

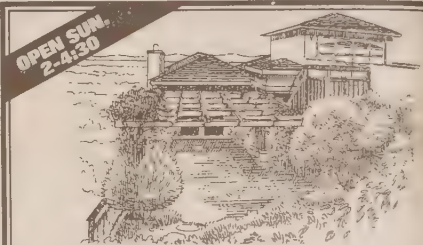
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With heavy rain comes water damage

By John Schneider
and Toni Wilson

At this time of year we see many homes that have pools of water accumulating in the front or rear yards. After heavy rains, this water may not be close to coming in the house. Having standing water in your

backyard, particularly if it approaches the house, is a condition that should be corrected to prevent potential damage to the structure and foundation.

The control of surface water drainage is critical to the stability of the building and the lot, and unfortunately, most people are unaware

of poor drainage conditions until the rainy season occurs.

Having your down spouts connected to drainage piping is good for diverting the water runoff from the roof, and a surface drain can help with the drainage of the yard by col-

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Consultant warns of tax liability

The Tax Pros

By Dennis Kamensky

Thirty years ago, when I began doing income tax returns, accountants used to laugh at the government's minimum tax. It was a joke. Any tax accountant, worth his or her salt, could very easily get around it. The government tried to make sure that taxpayers with high incomes would have to pay a certain amount of income tax, called appropriately the "minimum tax."

Unfortunately, through the years this minimum tax has been drastically changed and strengthened (becoming today the alternative minimum tax, or AMT).

The vast majority of American taxpayers have never even heard of the AMT, let alone have an idea of how to avoid it. In fact, it is the IRS that usually picks it up from your tax return and then sends you a bill for additional taxes and penalties.

The AMT today affects many taxpayers especially those with incomes over \$80,000.

It still is the last ditch attempt by the government to get you to pay a substantial amount of federal and state income taxes, no matter how many legitimate tax deductions, or tax credits, you may have.

But, unfortunately for many higher income taxpayers, it is unavoidable and exposes them to even more income tax liability.

If you have a high income, and especially if you have a high amount of certain deductions, you need to examine tax form 6251 to see if you are subject to paying this alternative minimum tax. Let's see how it works.

Watch those deductions

First off, certain tax deductions help to trigger the AMT. On form 6251, there is a section called "Ad-

justments and Preferences." These fourteen types of tax write-offs may cause you to have to pay the additional amount of AMT tax. For example, on Schedule A (Itemized Deductions) the categories of "taxes paid" and "miscellaneous deductions" have to be added to the amount to determine if you have to pay an AMT.

Therefore, taxpayers who have large deductions amounts for taxes paid and high miscellaneous deductions on their Schedule A may get stuck paying more income taxes.

In California, where we can deduct all the taxes we have paid to the state (from your W-2s to estimated state taxes to SDI) we can get a large deduction on Schedule A, under line five.

Property taxes fair game

We also can deduct in this category all the property taxes that were paid on any non-income real estate, plus vehicle registration fees.

The problem is if our income is high and this deduction is too large it can cause us to have to pay the AMT.

Certain employees have large business expense deductions. For example, outside salespeople may be able to deduct their autos, out of town expenses, meals and entertainment, office expenses, supplies, telephone, etcetera.

I have done tax returns where an

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Housing stock suffers as rentals convert to condominiums

Law Corner

By Robert Hayes

The conversion of rental units into condos has been controversial for years.

The right of local municipalities to regulate such conversions to ensure the availability of an adequate number of rental units has been clear since the California Supreme Court ruling in Griffin Dev. Co. vs. City of Oxnard in 1985.

As land to construct new housing has become scarcer in most urban areas, the pressure to do such conversions has grown. The problem, of course, is that such conversions come at the expense of the existing stock of housing available to tenants.

At the same time that home sales prices have reached new highs, vacancy rates for rental housing remain extremely low in many areas.

Some municipalities, such as San Francisco and Berkeley, have addressed the problem by combining rent and eviction control ordinances with bans on residential condominium conversions.

Such approaches, however well-intentioned, have created unanticipated problems. Both San Francisco and Berkeley have witnessed the widespread appearance of a hybrid form of home-ownership commonly known as Tenancy in Common (TIC), in which aspiring home owners, priced out of the existing housing market, join to buy apartment buildings in a quasi-condominium format.

Linked as co-owners of undivided percentage interests in one piece of property, they enter into written agreements among themselves in which they address, as best they can, issues of central import such as liability for financing, possibility of refinancing, selling individual interests, renting individual units, resolution of disputes, maintenance and replacement reserves, and more mundane matters such as pets, noise and parking.

Most important of all, such agreements allocate exclusive occupancy rights to specified units to specified individuals, thus accomplishing the primary residence objective without running afoul of the ban on converting rental units to condominiums.

As a Supreme Court case decided,

if such exclusive unit assignments do not appear on the face of the deed, and the do not because all owners are listed as co-owners of just one property, then condos have not been created.

Problems associated with this cobbled-together approach soon enough began to appear. For one, since rental units were in fact being siphoned off the existing market, the squeeze on available apartments was exacerbated.

For another, lacking the legal benefits of true condominium housing, i.e. separate legal title to a unit and a statutory sanctioned homeowners structure by means of a homeowners association and such formal documentation as CC&Rs (covenants, conditions and restrictions), TIC owners found themselves at risk of financial difficulty if any of their co-owners failed to make his or her proportionate mortgage, tax, insurance, or maintenance payments

on a timely basis.

Another major complication arose when one of the co-owners decided to sell his or her interest in the property. Such a transaction was likely to result in convoluted and/or costly new financing encumbering all of the remaining owners' interests as well as that of the purchaser.

Berkeley has responded to these difficulties by enacting an ordinance which allows the conversion, at substantial cost to the owners, of 100 qualified TICs per year to condominiums. It also makes the conversion of tenant-occupied TIC units prohibitively expensive, thus preserving the spirit, if not the letter, of its ban on condominium conversions.

Oakland's approach to these problems has been quite different. Not only has it eschewed rent control in favor of an arbitration system which allows tenants to challenge rent in-

creases which exceed limits set annually by the city but it has approached the problem of conversion of rental units to condominiums in a similarly moderate manner, balancing the need for new owner-occupied housing with the need to protect tenants from arbitrary evictions.

For example, the Oakland ordinance requires that once a property owner decides to convert the property, all tenants are to receive a series of detailed notices on a scheduled basis as the process moves ahead.

In addition, all tenants have a 90 day exclusive right to purchase a unit in the building. Those who are un-

able to purchase a unit or choose to do so are to be provided financial assistance to move for at least 180 days to do so.

It is a much more even approach to the twin problems of vacancy rates and first time homeownership than those implemented in San Francisco and Berkeley.

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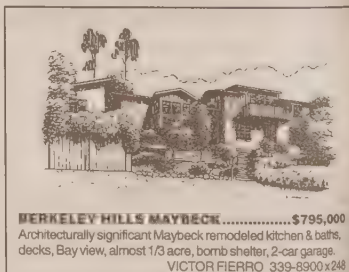
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Brokerage predicts dynamic first quarter for Bay Area

From staff reports

SAN RAMON — The residential market in Northern California will be "remarkably robust" during the first quarter of 1999 and "as a whole," says Herman Goldman, President and Managing Director of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage North.

The fundamental strengths that support the market to record levels in 1999 are still substantially present, Goldman says. "We are beginning to assume that the market has weathered many effects of the volatile international economic situation."

Interest rates will be as attractive as the first quarter of this year was during the last quarter of 1998, while prevailing consumer confidence is strong."

According to Jill Morrow, Coldwell Banker senior vice president and real estate manager for Marin, Contra Costa and Alameda counties.

The North and East Bay continues to show greater strength than many would expect. Well-priced and well-prepared properties will still attract multi-offers in every economic bracket.

Marin

Marin County "shows no sign of losing its eminence as one of the Bay Area's most popular counties among prospective buyers," Morrow says. "In fact, the current balanced market — without the frantic quality of a year ago — is making regional properties even more attractive to buyers, who are finding wider choice, and sellers, who continue to be assured of a fair and compelling price."

Popular communities for the first quarter are expected to be Mill Valley, Greenbrae, Corte Madera, San Rafael, and Novato. Substantial price appreciation has taken place, and may continue to take place, in Sausalito.

Sales in Tiburon, Belvedere, Ross, and Kentfield remain strong, but potential buyers continue to encounter scarcity of listings, which makes pricing less flexible.

Marin's economy remains one of the Bay Area's most potent, as its spectrum of high-tech development broadens, taking the employment base with it.

"Marin is a uniquely attractive place to work, live, educate, and relax," Morrow says. "These are not

transitory advantages; they make Marin what it is, and so long as they persist, the county will have a national — even, to an extent, international — reputation as one of California's best places to settle down."

East Bay

"If you want the excitement of an expanding economy, a modern industrial base, and residential communities that are still growing and evolving, take a good look at the East Bay — especially the southern half," Morrow says.

"As prospective buyers realize how many jobs are available and how convenient the commute to them can be, the market all along the Interstate 680 corridor is heating up to the point that, in some communities, multiple offers are becoming more frequent."

As the volatility of the securities market has shifted strength to the

midrange rather than the high end in residential real estate, prospective buyers have shown greater interest in Fremont, San Ramon, and the area around Bollinger Canyon. Rockridge and Montclair continue to be widely favored neighborhoods, and have recently been joined on the top-performers list by Crocker Highlands and Berkeley.

Contra Costa

Danville, Lafayette, Orinda, and Moraga continue to show strongly to upscale buyers who value spaciousness and relaxed lifestyle rather than close proximity to San Francisco. Pressure on listings in Walnut Creek is also increasing, consistent with good performance in the midrange market all across the Bay Area.

"All elements necessary for the continued health of the residential market are in place," Goldman says.

"We assume that interest and unemployment rates will remain at some of the lowest levels of the last 20 years; given that, and barring any

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I started in the basement where there is a garage, a recreation room and a furnace/storage room. These spaces contain quite a lot of stuff including boxes of kindling for my fireplace, tools, holiday decorations and extra furniture. There also are many other items that I can't seem to let go-of, such as my children's baby clothes.

I made big progress at first. It was fairly easy for me to reduce by about half my collection of clothes I haven't worn for some years, and I found quite a few old Easter baskets and cookie tins that I stacked neatly on one side of the garage to give away.

I was feeling great. Everything was still a mess and there was still way too much of it, but I had newly boxed belongings all packed and labeled and a big vision of the clean, open spaces to come. Now I needed

True Experiences

By Tarpoff and Talbert

a spot to neatly store my boxes. I needed, I decided, some new shelves.

Home Depot has a variety of shelves for sale: pressboard and metal shelving (very heavy, hard to get home), units made of plastic (the shelf spacing, unfortunately, can't be adjusted), and steel shelves that come in a box, ready to be assembled. The steel shelves cost only \$25 and, while they're not very pretty, I thought they'd do fine. I bought two, thinking I might go back later for more.

Anet enjoys organization, perhaps even more than I, and she is superlatively better at reading and following instructions for putting things together: one afternoon she eagerly opened the first of the two boxes of steel shelving. Anet's humming wasn't audible, but I knew she was humming. She could hardly wait to whip those shelves together.

And that is what I expected to happen. I was anxious to get the assembly over so I could rush on to completion of my project: lining up my boxes on the shelves, then standing back to admire the orderly scene.

In addition to the shelves and posts, the box contained a number of plastic bags full of bolts and nuts, some little plastic things to attach to the "feet" of the posts and some skinny pieces of metal for cross bracing. Anet laid all the pieces out and began to read the instructions. Already impatient, I got out the boxes of baby clothes, holding up a few to

through. Now the nut needed to be screwed on, but it wouldn't go. There wasn't enough clearance; our fingers wouldn't fit, nor was there room for the socket wrench.

In order to reach the holes where the bolts belonged, uncomfortable body contortions were necessary.

One or the other of us seemed always to be lying on the floor, legs

"...we couldn't even see what we were doing."

show to Anet. She murmured in my direction, plainly not interested in cooing over baby clothes, then went off to find the electric screwdriver and the socket wrenches.

For half an hour or more, Anet fiddled with the posts which come in two pieces, the holes in each intended to line up before being joined with the bolts and nuts.

Now it was time to attach the shelves. I stopped fooling with the baby clothes, grabbed a few bolts and screws, and prepared to go to work.

But the holes didn't line up. Anet and I pushed and pulled, succeeded in starting the bolt, wiggled the metal some more, and finally got the bolt

flung out behind, reaching over our head or under an arm to insert or tighten the fasteners. Much of the time we couldn't even see what we were doing.

And so it went for the rest of the 3,000 or 5,000 — whatever the number — of bolts and nuts needed to put those shelves together.

Three very long, tiresome hours later, Anet said, "It kind of takes the fun out of cleaning the garage, doesn't it?" We were looking at one somewhat rickety, but upright and standing, set of shelves. The instructions say that all the nuts and bolts should be tightened only after the entire unit is together, so we still had that left to do.

We had added pliers and a ham-

mer to our tools, the hammer for banging bolts, the pliers for squeezing metal into place. Our fingers were sore. We'd found that a number of parts were missing; simply not included in the kit. Bracing pieces, for instance, had come up short. There were supposed to be eight braces, but only five were supplied. At least we think eight was the intended number; the bracing diagram was incomprehensible, but that was OK. We couldn't have incorporated that much bracing because the bracing bolts were too short to join more than two pieces of metal together and we'd run out of bolts.

Anet began to reminisce about other assembly projects she'd been involved in, such as a bicycle she'd once built. From what Anet was saying, the bicycle was a hard one. But nothing like the granddaddy of all assembly puzzles, a German press wood desk. The instructions for the desk were in German and the measurements in metric.

"I'm sure glad I didn't get six shelving units," I said, and we laughed. "How much more do you think it would be worth to get shelves pre-assembled?" I asked. "Well, the non-adjustable plastic ones for \$10 more are looking pretty good," Anet answered, and we laughed some more.

It was then that Anet pulled out a postcard headed Missing Parts. It had been included in the box. "For immediate service of missing parts," the card read, fill out this card and mail it.

At the bottom of the card, under a comment section, Anet checked to indicate where the shelves would be used, and — a place to reveal to the manufacturer the purchaser's evaluation of the ease of assembly. Three are offered: good, fair and poor.

Now we were really asking, "Can you believe it?" Anet said we have to do to get the missing parts is mail in this card. How long do you suppose it might take to get them?

"And what box do you think should check for 'ease of assembly'?" I asked. "Somehow," Anet said, "it's a little bit of a cover the situation."

"But it wasn't as bad as the man press wood desk was asked, and Anet assured me the desk was indeed much worse."

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BERKELEY. 1148 Grizzly Peak. Just Listed!! Very special and spacious Brown Shingle Contemporary with panoramic bay view. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, patio, deck, beamed ceilings, large basement. GAY AUSTIN 524-9888 x21.....\$495,000

Other Fabulous Listings



OAKLAND. 35 Live Oak.
Elegant new construction. San Francisco Views. Master suite + 3 bedrooms, 3 baths. Cool, bright, open, office nook, laundry, large garage + workshop. Great floor plan. Architecturally detailed home. Minutes to Solano Avenue. CHRIS EHLERS-HARDIE 524-9888 x 22.....\$799,000



BERKELEY. 840 Ensenada.
Beautiful 1,000 Oaks 2BR/1.5BA w/updated kit. Spacious lower level is wonderful for entertaining. Hdwd floors, FDR, master BR w/ cedar-lined walk-in closet, generous storage areas. Close to shops, restaurants, etc. JEAN AJKA 524-9888 x 16.....\$359,000



ALBANY. 951 Madison. Open Sun. 2-4
2BR/1BA bungalow. New kitchen & bath. French doors, updated electric & plumbing, new concrete driveway, front deck, lovely backyard w/ storage. Quiet street. CHRIS EHLERS-HARDIE 524-9888 x 22.....\$199,000



EL CERRITO. 221 Behrens.
3BR/2BA. Great master bedroom suite/ family room addition, skylights. French doors to garden. Beautifully remodeled kitchen. Wonderfully friendly neighborhood. BARBARA CONHEIM 524-9888 x 28.....\$295,000

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Government securities add stability to balanced portfolio

Money Matters

By Leila Gough

lio that can offer both the security of your principal and the potential for above-average returns?

You may want to consider combining the security of government securities and the growth potential of other investments.

The first step in setting up such a portfolio is deciding your investment time frame. Are you willing to invest your principal for five years,

10 years or longer?

The next step is to choose your investments. First, you should choose investments that offer safety of principal, such as treasury securities.

The idea is that if held to maturity these investments will return your initial investment within the

time frame you select, regardless of the performance of the other portion of your portfolio allocated to growth investments with higher risk.

The growth side of the equation allows you the opportunity to select any single investment or combination of investments you believe has

the potential for higher returns.

Of course, with this higher return potential comes a commensurate amount of risk. The return of your initial principal from the "security" side of the investment helps offset

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Weekly home sales

1904 Franklin St. #701 - \$141,000
3948 Fruitvale Ave. - \$189,000
4063 Fullington St. - \$110,000
1977 Gaspar Dr. - \$403,000
7606 Greenly Dr. - \$95,000
652 Haddon Rd. - \$438,000
5051 Harbord Dr. - \$516,000
2641 Havescourt Blvd. - \$135,000
2959 Hedge Ct. - \$396,500
6320 Herzog St. - \$140,000
3633 High St. - \$125,000
7535 Hillmont Dr. - \$225,000
5607 Holway St. - \$94,000
5805 Keith Ave. - \$365,000
758 Kingston Ave. #23 - \$199,000
4157 Lakeshore Ave. - \$440,000
1555 Lakeside Dr. #91 - \$178,500
5803 Lawton Ave. - \$425,000
5837 Lawton Ave. - \$300,000
4121 Lincoln Ave. - \$305,000
2901 MacArthur Blvd. #37 - \$95,000
2917 MacArthur Blvd. #40 - \$110,000
3750 Madrone Ave. - \$205,000
4415 Martin Luther King Jr. - \$90,000
4227 Masterson St. - \$145,000
5829 McAndrew Dr. - \$351,000
801 McKinley Ave. - \$289,000
3451 Mirasol Ave. - \$165,000
4407 Moraga Ave. - \$315,000
8763 Mountain Blvd. #14 - \$109,000
2701 Oliver Ave. - \$63,000
7917 Outlook Ave. - \$168,000
10823 Pearlman St. - \$75,000
1104 Peralta St. - \$155,000
2006 Pleasant Valley Ave. #318A - \$66,500
6501 Raymond St. - \$228,500
6679 Saroni Dr. - \$215,000
8617 Seneca St. - \$170,000
8277 Skyline Cl. - \$427,000
8285 Skyline Cl. - \$410,500
8289 Skyline Cl. - \$406,500
8293 Skyline Cl. - \$410,500
2549 Stockbridge Dr. - \$409,000
4100 Vale Ave. - \$252,000
250 Whitmore St. #208 - \$100,000
507 Wickson Ave. #106 - \$82,000

PIEDMONT
1069 Harvard Rd. - \$380,000

210 Ricardo Ave. - \$519,000

RICHMOND

2826 17th St. - \$101,000
2987 18th St. - \$93,000
2830 21st St. - \$63,000
771 21st St. - \$118,000
525 26th St. - \$195,000
658 29th St. - \$130,000
531 44th St. - \$135,000
555 4th St. - \$60,000
2566 Ardmore Dr. - \$145,000
3525 Carlfield Rd. - \$115,000
2406 Carlson Blvd. - \$195,000
2725 Carlton Ct. - \$125,000
3527 Cerrito Ave. - \$155,000
2021 Crucero Ave. - \$152,000
550 Dimm St. - \$186,000
2989 Flannery Rd. - \$137,000
2616 Gaynor Ave. - \$152,500
4564 Gregory Wy. - \$262,000
5045 Hilltop Dr. - \$209,000
811 Lucas Ave. - \$85,000
3003 May Rd. - \$181,000
1914 Miner Ave. - \$118,500
1629 Pennsylvania Ave. - \$100,500
4849 Reno Ln. - \$285,000

SAN LEANDRO

1552 137th Ave. - \$187,500
1451 142nd Ave. - \$168,000
1465 166th Ave. - \$166,000
1036 Arthur Ave. - \$166,500
663 Arthur Ave. - \$155,000
1400 Carpenter St. #222 - \$100,000
231 Farrelly Dr. - \$175,000
345 Garcia Ave. - \$165,000
1101 Jefferson St. - \$120,000
514 Joaquin Ave. - \$155,000
1611 Kelly Ave. - \$709,000
1036 Kramer St. - \$220,000
1907 Lomita Dr. - \$285,000
1777 London Ave. - \$239,000
2435 Longview Dr. - \$300,000
2273 Marina Blvd. - \$280,000
615 Maud Ave. - \$242,000

702 Moraga Dr. - \$192,500
719 Oakes Blvd. - \$305,500
2208 Oceanside Wy. - \$324,500
1623 Virginia St. - \$145,000
531 Warren Ave. - \$151,500
16606 Winding Blvd. - \$165,000
400 Woodland Park - \$345,000

SAN LORENZO

15860 Devonwood Wy. - \$257,000
16047 Silverleaf Dr. - \$267,000
667 Via Aires - \$182,000
17224 Via Alamos - \$160,000
1076 Via Honda - \$145,000
837 Via Manzanitas - \$175,000
938 Via Mariposa - \$162,000
1831 Via Nita - \$252,500
15756 Via Nueva - \$230,000
15722 Via Represa - \$205,000

WEEKLY STATS

ALABAMA

TOTAL SALES: 16
LOWEST SALES: \$135,000
HIGHEST SALES: \$395,000
AVERAGE SALES: \$287,375

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST SALES: \$221,000
HIGHEST SALES: \$330,000
AVERAGE SALES: \$271,166

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 9
LOWEST SALES: \$158,500
HIGHEST SALES: \$395,000
AVERAGE SALES: \$230,000

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST SALES: \$239,000
HIGHEST SALES: \$392,000
AVERAGE SALES: \$280,250

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 1
LOWEST SALES: \$135,000
HIGHEST SALES: \$135,000
AVERAGE SALES: \$135,000

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 84
LOWEST SALES: \$62,000
HIGHEST SALES: \$785,000
AVERAGE SALES: \$231,357

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST SALES: \$380,000
HIGHEST SALES: \$519,000
AVERAGE SALES: \$449,500

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 25
LOWEST SALES: \$60,000
HIGHEST SALES: \$285,000
AVERAGE SALES: \$146,540

SAN LEANDRO

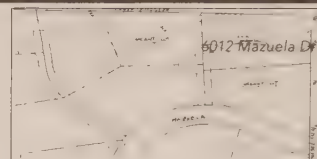
TOTAL SALES: 24
LOWEST SALES: \$100,000
HIGHEST SALES: \$709,000
AVERAGE SALES: \$227,583

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 10
LOWEST SALES: \$145,000
HIGHEST SALES: \$267,000
AVERAGE SALES: \$203,550

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238 SHERIDAN.....\$629,000

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2049 EAGLE AVENUE.....\$369,000

Nice duplex in quiet neighborhood! 4 bedrooms, 2 bath and 3 bedrooms, 2 bath rehabbed units. All work done with permits. Michael Childress ext. 215



818 MCKINLEY.....\$249,000

Just listed! Spacious 2+ bdrms built in 1920 & loaded with charm, hardwood flrs, FDR with built-ins, picture moldings, fabulous, tiled fireplace in living rm. Beautifully remodeled kitchen. Lovely, level back yard. Bright, sunny & immaculate. Don Dunning 482-2256

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In this most charming Dutch Colonial - all the space you need with large living, dining room, family room, 3 large bedrooms, 1.5 bath, all this on nearly 1/3 acre lot! Joy Bryden ext. 218

MOVE IN CONDITION.....\$275,000

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Lower Temescal, 8 times gross, upside in rents, 3-1 bedroom, 1-2 bedroom each building, hardwood floors, carpet, yard, commuter location. Buy one or both. Stan Hammond ext. 346

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Delightful 2 bdrm home, eat-in kitchen, hardwood floors, dining room, garage converted to office/work room, 10,000 sq. ft. lot with landscaping, paths, patio. Stan Hammond 839-5846

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First time on market in 40 years, move right in, sellers motivated. Please call for appointment. Arnold Fields ext. 241

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'As-is' property can mean a great fixer-upper opportunity

Listings occasionally are advertised as "as is" sales. To some buyers this signals a potential bargain. For others, an "as is" sale suggests that the property might be tainted. Often neither perception is accurate.

It's difficult to know from an advertisement what "as is" means with respect to the sale of a residential property.

It can mean that the property is being sold in its present condition and without a warranty. In other words, the seller makes no guarantees about the property's condition.

In some states, like California, sellers may provide a general warranty of habitability when they sell a home. Generally, this means that the roof

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By Dian Hymer

is free of known leaks and that dwelling systems such as plumbing and electricity are in working order. With an "as is" sale, such a warranty might not apply.

Probate, trust and foreclosure sales are often "as is" sales. The sellers of these properties could have acquired them under adverse conditions (either because a relative died or because a buyer defaulted on a mortgage).

In these cases, the seller might have little, if any, actual knowledge about the property condition. In many cases,

sellers of probates and foreclosures haven't even seen the properties.

Before you agree to purchase a property "as is," make sure that you have it thoroughly inspected. If it's a foreclosure, you might not be able to include an inspection contingency in the purchase contract. In this case you'll have to complete inspections before you make an offer.

When several buyers are competing for a hot listing, the winner is often the buyer who makes an "as is" offer. Sellers usually prefer an "as is" offer because it relieves them of the responsibility of completing repairs before closing. The buyers take on the burden of repairs which cuts down the hassle factor for the seller.

Just make sure that you include an inspection contingency in an "as is" offer unless you've had a chance to complete all necessary inspections before you made the offer.

Sometimes purchase contracts are written "as is" for convenience in dealing with the buyer's lender.

Let's say that the sellers had a termite inspection done before they put their home on the market. The termite report calls for the shower, floor and tub in the bathroom to be replaced. The cost of this work will run \$5,000.

The sellers are willing to pay for the repair work but the buyers would prefer to do the work themselves so that they can remodel the bathroom to their own specifications. So rather

than asking the sellers to do the termite repairs before closing, the buyers write their purchase contract to be "as is" regarding termite work.

And they ask the sellers to credit them \$5,000 at closing.

Buyers purchasing a property that they intend to renovate extensively often prefer to purchase the property on an "as is" basis.

For example, if the house has a \$25,000 termite bill and it needs a new \$10,000 roof, the buyers might prefer to reduce the purchase price by \$35,000 and buy the property "as is."

An "as is" sale doesn't necessarily mean the property is a bargain, nor does it mean that the property should be dismissed as unacceptable.

Find out the nature of the required to put the property in condition. Then decide if you want for the project.

If an "as is" property will meet long-term needs when it's fixed, it might be worth considering.

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Flexible 'Desktop Originator' underwriting may save time, money

There's a new loan in town, a sophisticated Fannie Mae product called "Desktop Originator Underwriter."

Underwriting your loan is how a lender evaluates your ability to service or repay the debt. Desktop Underwriter represents a more sophisticated way of assessing mortgage risk, enabling the tailoring of specific loan terms based on an individual borrower's risk profile.

These flexibilities include streamlined documentation and appraisals, flexible mortgage insurance requirements and expanded loan to value ratios and product offering. It is limited to conforming loan amounts.

The conforming loan limits set for 1999 are: One unit, \$240,000; Two units, \$307,100; Three units, \$371,200; Four units, \$461,350.

In the past 30 years or so, the lending institutions - Thrifts, Savings and Loans, and Banks - have developed specific criteria to analyze your credit worthiness.

These "rules" involved your credit history, your income, cash flow history and your asset base which determined your ability to manage and save your money.

Rules-based underwriting usually involves volumes of paperwork. The lender wants to see your W2's, a two year job history, tax returns with all

Mortgage Madness

By Karen Senzig

schedules for at least two years, current pay stubs, three to 12 months of bank statements for all accounts, stocks and bond portfolio documentation, retirement account documentation, pink slips for your cars and boats, divorce decrees and settlement agreements - and that's just your asset and income documentation.

The lender also requires a full residential mortgage credit report (also known as a RMCR). This usually will cost you between \$50 and \$60 and is a tri-merge compilation of the three credit bureaus - Equifax, Experian (formerly TRW) and Trans Union Credit.

The people at Fannie Mae, fulfilling their mission statement "to provide financial products and services that increase the availability and the affordability of housing for low, moderate and middle income Americans" created a process called risk layered underwriting.

Also known as the Fannie Mae Streamline, this process uses the high-tech "information superhighway" to provide a credit only loan pre-approval in the time it takes to gather the information for the loan application.

Even taking the application in-

formation is faster than before since Fannie Mae's big black box (the computer that processes the information in seconds) only requires about 65 percent of the normal application information.

The credit report is ordered and received before the application is completed. For those of us who process as well as originate loans, this is really neat.

As all of the information is gathered via computer, the credit report automatically fills out the liabilities section of the application saving inputting time.

The credit report saves the borrowers a little bit of money, since Fannie Mae only requires a pre-qualification report at \$17 to \$18.

The risk-layered underwriting is a different orientation, not just a fast underwriting process and is based primarily on credit scores.

After gathering housing and loan information over the last 30 years, Fannie Mae has fed a lot of conclusions as to how people repay their mortgages into the big black box.

They were instrumental in developing the credit scoring system with the credit bureaus. They have concluded that anyone with a 680 score or better will probably pay their mortgage on time.

The pre-approval is handed down by the big black box is not a final ap-

proval but is subject to conditions set by Fannie Mae and the actual lender that is making the loan.

The "Underwriting Report" that comes back as "Fannie Mae Approved/Eligible" means that the loan meets Fannie Mae's credit risk profile.

However, the lender must do its due diligence when reviewing the requested documentation and conditions to determine if there is any potentially derogatory information that was not part of the information submitted to the Desktop Underwriter.

If the Underwriting Report comes back with an "ineligible" or "refer-

ral" decision, that does not necessarily mean that our borrowers will not get a loan through the Fannie Mae Streamline. Loans that fall into the "refer" category represent a higher level of credit risk than loans recommended for approval.

The lender must evaluate the reasons for the referral and it usually means increased documentation will be required. Ineligible loans pose even a greater credit risk and usually end up going back to a rules based underwriting loan product.

Underwriting is the most technical portion of the mortgage process,

a science practiced by people with years of training and experience. Often, they claim, little time is wasted. Fannie Mae's big black box has taken this science into the millenium and with its stream-lined process may give some of these people their lives back.

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Smashing Contemporary. Quality up grades thru-out. SF Bay view, 5 bdrms/3ba, spacious family rm & den. ED KUO



6120 MAZUELA DRIVE NEW LISTING \$990,000
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5511 LA SALLE AVENUE NEW LISTING \$469,000
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4305 SAINT CLOUD COURT \$489,000
A lovely Ridgmont Contemporary w/4 bdrms/3 ba. Elegant living rm w/fireplace, modern eat-in kitchen, spacious family room and large bonus room with built-ins. CARIN CAROE
4614 REDWOOD ROAD NEW LISTING \$365,000
Leona Park Villas. 3 bdrm/2 1/2 ba Spanish Med. townhouse w/level flagstone patio, elegant mstr suite with jacuzzi tub. Serene wooded view. ANGELA WEI GRUBB



78 STRATHMOOR DRIVE \$749,000
This new home is a work of art with soft Tuscan plaster interior, handcrafted doors & custom ironwork. A luxurious bath highlights the master suite. KURT BUCHHOLZ

Piedmont - By Appointment

COUNTRY ESTATE \$2,495,000
Elegant formal rooms, European library & luxurious master suite w/dual baths, 10+7+ & guest house. SANDRA VOGL
STYLISH TRADITIONAL NEW LISTING \$849,500
Elegant Traditional w/gorgeous SF/City views. State of the art kitchen, family room & master retreat. DONALD GRUBB JR.

PIEDMONT TRADITIONAL \$319,750
Old world charm w/cherry oakwood detailing, 2 bdrms w/separate plus rm, 1+ ba, private garden. SHEILA GALLAGHER
COULD BE A CUTIE! NEW LISTING \$299,000
Across from Dracena Park, this home offers an open floor plan, efficient kitch, secluded garden & sunny deck. SANDRA VOGL

Oakland - By Appointment

CUSTOM BUILT SPLIT LEVEL \$475,000
This meticulously cared for split-level home features a master suite & 2 additional bdrms. The kitchen has been beautifully updated with quality finishes. KURT BUCHHOLZ
CRAFTSMAN GEM NEW LISTING \$389,000
Beautiful updated home situated on a level site with easy access to a large sunny garden. 4 bdrms/2 ba & perfect kitchen with large eating area. JEAN SIMMONS
LOVINGLY MAINTAINED NEW LISTING \$319,000
Lovely maintained home w/beautiful Bay views, this 4 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath all level home features a spacious family room w/access to the backyard & flagstone patio. SHERRY BENNINGER

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This charming Tudor features 3 bedrooms/1+ baths, hardwood floors & spacious rumpus room. Enjoy the lovely sunny garden and view of the Bay. MICHELLE WINCHESTER
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BERKELEY



15 CANYON RD.
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Absolutely grand! Legally 3 units, this historic brown shingle designed by Coxhead is adjacent to Strawberry Canyon and enjoys great Bay views! There is a large artist's studio and terraced gardens, waiting for the ultimate restoration! Bebe McRae ext. 145.....\$700,000 "As-Is"



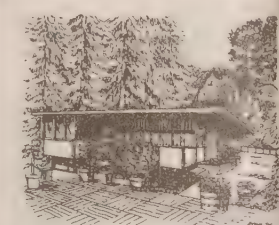
**BERKELEY
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Beautiful Mediterranean with large rooms, on large lot with expansive Bay and City views. 4+ bedrooms, three baths, Jack McPhail ext. 135.....\$695,000



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**NEW LISTING! HANDSOME NORTH
BERKELEY CRAFTSMAN**

This 3BR, 2BA craftsman has spectacular Bay views and an in-law unit. The cook's kitchen opens with French doors to the patio and garden. Sitting in the hot tub, one can watch the deer, yet it's just a short walk to Chez Panisse or the University! Marlene Leverette ext. 121.....\$589,000



**FIRST TIME OPEN 2-4
1401 GREENWOOD TERRACE**

4BR, 3BA + bonus rooms. Located in sought after Greenwood Commons. Contemporary home designed to cohesively blend with Berkeley's beautiful native landscape. Tremendous possibilities here, being sold "as is". Ruth Frassetto ext. 147.....\$499,000

NORTH BERKELEY. Designed by Walter Saelberge in 1924, this elegant property features magnificent SF Bay views. 4BR including master suite, 2.5 baths, library, study, garage and landscaped garden. Shown by appointment only. Susie Schevill ext. 144.....\$850,000

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ALBANY

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and a city jail. In the 1970s, it was converted into a state historic monument, extensively restored, and opened to the public as a historic museum.

A couple doors west of the Old State Capitol Building, at 135 West G St., stands one of the best-preserved Gold Rush era hotels in California.

The Fischer House/Hotel

The Fischer House and Hotel was built in 1848 in another location. Bought by Joseph Fischer in 1856 and moved to its present location, it was greatly remodeled and enlarged into an inn for Gold Rush immigrants on their way to the Sierras, and drop-outs from the mining fields.

The Fischer House/Hotel is a rare example of a Federal style building in California. This was the style of many Early American residences on the East Coast, between the 1780s and the 1840s. Its federal features are the low-hipped roof, tall rectangular chimneys, and shuttered and square-latticed windows.

There also is a hint of the Greek Revival style in the split pilasters and dentils on the portico, as well as the Doric style fence posts set into the original picket fence that lines the lot. This hotel is now open to the public as a state historic museum, and is decorated with a wealth of period furnishings.

'Pioneer Box' style

you will get hit with the AMT. If you use the accelerated method of depreciation (MACRS) a part of that deduction becomes a "tax preference" item (subject to the AMT).

The difference between the depreciation deduction that you would have received if you used the straight line method and the amount you've taken using the accelerated method is subject to AMT taxes.

This depreciation deduction amount can be from having rental

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Nearby, at 150 West G St., is another classic "Pioneer Box" built in the 1870s. It has an attractive, wide front porch lined with delicate spindlework. Back on 1st Street, at number 631, is an unusual brick, Italianate style, commercial storefront built in the early 1880s.

Mission Revival style

At 440 1st St. stands a false-front commercial building built between 1900 and 1910. The gable of the charming building is in the Mission Revival style. Across the street, at 415 to 411 1st St., is the Old City Hotel—an intriguing survivor of Benicia's early "pioneer era" business enterprises.

This hotel is really two classic "Pioneer Box" buildings that were moved to their present site from the waterfront in 1910.

Built between 1870 to 1875, these buildings once served as a workingman's hotel, where rooms cost 25 cents a night, and a hot bath (a luxury in those days) cost 50 cents.

The sign painted on the transom is a recent recreation, and the brackets were taken from another building.

Another Classical Revival wood-front commercial building can be found at 401 1st St. It was originally built in about the 1880s, and the Colonial Revival trim was probably added after the turn of the century.

Nearby, at the southwest corner of 1st and West D Streets, is an intact remnant of the raucous and often raunchy Gold Rush-era lifestyle. The Washington House Hotel is a "Pioneer Box" that was built by shipwrights in the mid-1850s and was moved from a sinking waterfront pier to its present location years later.

In its early days, it was an inexpensive flophouse, but in 1895 it reopened as the first class Washington House Hotel.

Police chief indicted

At various times in its checkered past, this modest-looking building has been used as a residence for state legislators, a Chinese lottery, a brothel, a speakeasy, and a gambling house. It was finally closed after Benicia's police chief was indicted in a pay-off scandal in 1954.

Pioneer homes survive



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At number 145 is another pioneer saltbox from the 1850s that is situated attractively near the water's edge, making it more closely resemble some of its New England counterparts.

Old Army arsenal

Before leaving Benicia, historic architecture buffs should explore the many treasures of Benicia's old Army arsenal, now used as an industrial park.

To get there, go north on 1st Street to East Military Highway, then turn right and follow it to the end.

This very important early California military base was established

in 1847, and once housed such illustrious young of officers as Ulysses S. Grant and the future Confederate commander, General Johnston.

This is a perfect spot to stop and contemplate the historic treasures that Benicia has to offer.

Seminar available

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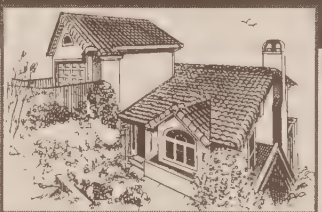
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this risk.

United States Treasury zero coupon bonds (often referred to as "treasury zeros") are a popular investment for the "security" side of this strategy.

Treasury zeros are sold at a discounted price, which is substantially

less than the bonds' face value. All interest accrues within the bonds and is paid at maturity. The bonds are then worth their face value.

You should be aware that because they pay no current interest, zero coupon bonds fluctuate more dramatically with changing interest rates than bonds that pay regular interest.

You could encounter losses when interest rates rise should you sell your treasury zeros before maturity.

You should also note that you will

owe federal income taxes on the accrued interest of your treasury zero coupon bonds each year, although you receive no interest payments until maturity.

Here's how it works

Assume you invest \$100,000 for 10 years. On the "security" side of the strategy, you invest approximately \$59,000 in U.S. Treasury zero coupon bonds, which will grow to \$100,000 at maturity (this example is based on treasury zeros with a

yield to maturity of 5 percent.)

To complete the "growth" side of the equation, you invest the remaining \$41,000 in an investment that represents the best opportunity for above-average growth and/or income.

With this strategy, even if the \$41,000 you invest for the "growth" side decreases to \$0, you will receive your entire \$100,000 investment when your treasury zeros mature.

Remember, to ensure the full return of principal, bonds must be held

to maturity.

However, if the "growth" side provides a compounded annual return of 10 percent, the total value of the portfolio after 10 years would be \$206,343. (Exact numbers will vary depending on current interest rates, the duration of your investment, the amount invested, and the performance of your "growth" side investment. Numbers are for illustration purposes only and not reflective of any specific investment.)

If you want the knowing your principal with the ability to participate in opportunities presented by capital markets, this strategy might be right for you.

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Kamensky

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properties to investing in partnerships to depreciating business equipment.

Fortunately, in tax years after 1998, you no longer have to count the accelerated depreciation deduction as a tax preference item.

Write-offs tricky

The other major tax preference items that can trigger the AMT involve certain stock option incentives, intangible drilling costs (from an oil and gas investments), and certain large write-offs from other types of tax shelters. The point here is that before you invest, and are told that you will get great tax write-offs if it, check out the AMT tax consequences. You may not be able to re-

ally save that much money on your tax returns after all.

Once you've determined your Alternative Minimum Taxable Income, you then can subtract a special AMT exemption amount.

If your taxable income is less than \$150,000 (for married filing jointly), you get an exemption deduction of \$45,000.

For single, or head of household taxpayers that exemption deduction is \$33,750 if the Alternative Minimum Taxable income is less than \$112,500.

Then if that net amount is under \$175,000 then the AMT percentage tax is 26 percent. If that net amount is over \$175,000 then the AMT tax rate is 28 percent (less \$3,500).

Once you've determined the AMT amount, you can compare it to your regular income tax amount, found on line 46 of the back of the 1040 form.

If your regular tax is higher than the AMT amount, you are not subject to the AMT. The problem is if your regular tax (including most of

your tax credit) is lower than the AMT amount.

In that case you are subject to the AMT. You'll have to add the difference to line 51 on the 1040 Form and the additional income taxes.

The bottom line here is that the government is making high-income taxpayers conform to at least a 26 percent tax bracket.

If the taxpayers are not in that bracket, because of deductions or tax credits, then the AMT comes into

play and they still wind up with the higher taxes. Be wary of the AMT, especially when your finances, investments

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Water

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diverting the water runoff from the roof, and a surface drain can help with the drainage of the yard by collecting any water that actually flows to it. However, neither of these drainage lines can eliminate any standing water in your yard, or the saturation of the soil.

If you happen to live on a lot that has a hillside sloping toward your house, a tremendous amount of water runoff from the hill can be deposited into your yard. This will worsen your drainage problems.

Poor-draining soil?

If the soil in your yard is made up of a poor draining soil such as adobe, water will tend to pool for days and the ground will be extremely soggy. Much of the soil in the Bay Area consists of poor draining, clay-like soil.

The first condition that you will want solve is the water that pools close to the house.

Keep water from foundation

The best solution for diverting water away from the foundation is to install a type of French drain. A French drain is basically a drainage trench filled with gravel and perforated pipe that would extend across the front, rear and/or the sides of your house.

This trench is dug to the depth of the foundation and acts like a big catch basin for any water that flows towards it, whether from the surface of the ground or through the soil.

Because the trench is filled with gravel, it creates an easy place for water to flow into. The piping in the trench which has a downhill pitch of 1/4 inch per foot, provides a smooth surface for the water to flow away from the house toward a point of discharge.

The point of discharge is usually near the curb and gutter in the street,

but could also be into a stream or drainage channel. If the drainage system does not discharge towards the street, but somewhere else on your property, be sure that the water flowing from this drainage line will not disturb the soil or cause erosion.

Often on rural or undeveloped property, a dissipator made up of large gravel or small rocks is required at the end of the drainage piping, to slow and spread the movement of the water discharge, preventing erosion.

What about sloping lots?

If you are on a sloping lot the second condition you want to address is the amount of water that runs off of the hill, into your yard. You can do this by installing another drainage line at the base of the hill. This will collect most of the water that runs off the hill and divert it before it has a chance to pool on the rear yard. This drainage system can be tied into the one at the rear of the house.

Although this type of drainage system is not difficult to install, it is extremely important that it is installed properly. We have seen many homes with expensive underground drainage systems that have failed to serve their intended functions, due to errors which occurred during installation.

Common mistakes

The most common mistakes made during the installation of a French drain are not digging the trench deep enough, not using a filtering fabric around the trench or pipe (to prevent the infiltration of dirt), installing the perforated pipe with the holes pointing up, not providing enough pitch or slope for the piping to drain and not providing a proper point of discharge. Therefore, it is important that you take the time to do a little research. Talk to several contractors for different opinion, and inspect one of their recent jobs.

The adobe soil is a much more difficult situation to correct. The only permanent solution is to remove the

adobe soil and replace it with other, less expensive, soil. Unfortunately, this is not a practical solution for most home owners.

However, you can help control the accumulation of water by making sure that the soil slopes away from the house.

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Government eases up on home-office rules

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By Jan Zobel

To compute the new deduction, first calculate the percentage of your home used for business.

Rent or mortgage interest, utilities, maintenance, real estate taxes and insurance are then added together and multiplied by the percentage of business use. Depreciation on the business portion of the home is added in. The end result is the allowable office-in-home expense, which is fully deductible as long as the business profit is at least as much as this total.

One caution to keep in mind when deciding whether to claim a home office is that taking the de-

duction now may have tax ramifications when the house is sold.

A tax professional can provide more information about this as can a copy of IRS publication 587 "Business Use of Your Home."

There are a number of hoops to jump through in claiming the office-in-home deduction. Despite the problems, this can be a valuable deduction and one worth considering.

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Elderly must act before safety outweighs independence

By Geri Stern

As I've steadily worked with retirement clients, I made a discovery. Most of my clients never moved! They either stayed where they were or they could not bring themselves to actually give up independence at home.

For the lucky ones, whom I'll call "the movers," she knew that when she moved, she was going to leave her home. She found a Realtor in the community nearby that met her needs.

Longtime El Cerrito resident, she had a tough choice to make. She always did try to think ahead for her. She found a Realtor in the community nearby that met her needs. She had made her funeral arrangements in 1957. I wish all my clients were so organized!

For people, if given a chance,

will choose not to move. Moving creates such a change in the individual's routine that doing so usually proves overwhelming. And no one denies that a home long-lived in is rich in memories of love and self-reliance.

Sometimes though, a move is necessary because to elderly who are physically challenged, a home can turn into dangerous territory. House-keeping, shopping and cooking can take unexpected tolls.

People who live in the East Bay often live in homes with a great many stairs either inside or at the approach to their home. The stairs alone may be one of the largest factors behind their decision to move.

Family, when near, can sometimes step in and help the senior get by at home. But when family are not near, as is the case for many of my clients, a long-range plan is critical. Some of my clients are more careful than others about planning ahead, yet

they delay moving while they are still in good health.

Unfortunately, most of my clients move because their declining health or desperate family decides that it is time. At this point, the client may feel depressed or resentful. Illnesses or accidents then occur primarily out of frustration and fear. All of them feel some anxiety, but a lucky few are mentally prepared for the challenge.

I have had the good fortune of being involved in helping clients move to a destination that was not only new and exciting, but also one they have anticipated for some time.

At the other end of the spectrum, I have had clients look forward to their arrival, only to pass away shortly after arrival due to stress. Most of these clients had waited too long and were in precarious health.

Their moves were required because family did not live nearby and the individual could not cope alone

any longer.

In all of these circumstances, a senior placement counselor would have been helpful. In addition to the services of a Realtor, most seniors should have a meeting with a senior care manager to determine their best options, based on their physical and emotional health as well as on what can be done for them within their means.

Unfortunately, I know of too many seniors who will not spend the few dollars it would take to determine the best course of action for them and would rather live in a dangerous, isolated situation.

There are also senior placement counselors who do not charge a fee for their services. Even so, there remain a number of seniors don't want to burden their families with their suffering. When they do call me in, they are in such advanced case of depression that a decision to move

is almost impossible. Most of these clients are lonely and just want someone to talk to — they have no intention of moving.

However, moving to a less isolated location or having someone come in to help on a daily basis might be these folks' best alternative.

Most seniors experience intense trepidation when the idea of a move is discussed. It is imperative that the Realtor, family and friends listen to the person to determine what his/her needs are. So much of the time the decision to move is made without enough research as to whether the particular retirement community best fits the needs of that individual, their finances, and short- and long-term health concerns.

A common mistake is for the senior to put their house on the market before they have completed their purchase of a new home or found placement at a retirement commu-

nity. Many deals have fallen through when the senior realizes that the home is sold but they have nowhere they particularly want to go.

Perhaps you or your loved one can be like Edwina, who recently had a surprise 95th birthday party given by 25 of her closest friends. Hers is a success story. With a coordinated effort, more families can have a positive retirement experience too. Don't wait until it's too late.

For referrals to senior care placement counselors, geriatric specialists or help with your senior dilemma, please feel free to call.

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Learn to use range of economic indicators to make long-term decisions

Money Matters

By Leila Gough

Investors look to economic indicators, key statistics showing the state of the economy as clues to move ahead for the stock and bond markets.

Small, economic indicators resemble the economy's growth and contraction. Low inflation is usually a sign of economic growth.

High inflation can be detrimental to both stocks and bonds because the Federal Reserve, the na-

tion's central bank, often responds to inflationary pressures by raising key interest rates.

Higher interest rates tend to depress stock and bond prices while lower rates usually boost prices. Economic reports do not always impact financial markets as you might expect.

For example, low inflation is good for the markets, but if inflation news is not as low as expected, financial assets prices could decline on the disappointment.

Now that you have some background on the influence of economic indicators on the financial markets, let us take a look at some of the

more common indicators:

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

The CPI is an indicator of the general level of prices. Components include energy, food and beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, medical care and entertainment.

When the index goes up, prices are rising. Inflation exists when the index goes up a lot over along period of time. Unemployment Rate.

This is the percentage of the civilian labor force currently unemployed. If unemployment figures are up, it indicates a lack of expansion within the economy, and the Federal

Reserve might lower interest rates.

Conversely, a big gain in employment would be a reason for the Fed to hold rates steady or possibly raise rates if inflation is developing.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

The GDP is the broadest measure of the nation's production. It measures the market value of all newly produced goods and services in the United States.

When GDP is rising, the economy is growing. When GDP is declining, the economy is in recession. To counteract a recession, the Fed may loosen money by lowering interest rates.

Durable Goods Orders

This indicator gives a reading on the country's future manufacturing activity. Durable goods include those manufactured items with a normal life expectancy of three years or longer.

An increase in factory orders may indicate an expansion in the economy.

Leading Economic Indicators

This index is a composite of 10 statistics designed to foretell economic activity six to nine months in the future. Examples include: building permits and new orders for consumer goods and materials.

Knowing the definitions of these indicators can help you better understand how the economy affects the financial markets and your investments.

However, be careful not to make hasty changes in your portfolio based on what a particular indicator shows. History suggests the best approach to investing is to focus on your long-term financial goals — not to react to the market swings caused by short-term economic news.

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be brand-new mothers in the camp. They had to worry about their babies' cries waking everyone in the barracks at night. Or how to keep the infants from crawling around on the dirt-covered floors.

Then there was the aggravation of seeing freshly laundered diapers soiled by the frequent dust storms and having to wash and hang them up once again.

There was no refrigeration or heating facilities in their living quarters for the babies' milk bottles. Milk in the camp was reserved just for younger children. The older ones did not get the milk necessary for proper nutrition during their important growth-spurt years.

The most divisive camp issue, according to the Iiyamas, was the loyalty oath questions 27 and 28, for which the U. S. government required an answer from all internees ages 17 and up.

These questions asked the in-

ternees to forswear their allegiance to the Emperor of Japan and to serve in the U. S. military or otherwise help in the war effort.

Chizu and Ernie were saddened to see families being torn apart because some issei wanted to answer no/no and most nisei wanted to answer yes/yes. If an issei rejected his Japanese citizenship while being denied American citizenship by law, he would become in effect a man without a country.

If a nisei answered differently from his parents, the family would be separated. In addition, there were those who protested being asked to serve while their families were interned.

Chizu, who grew up in America and had never visited Japan, had no problem answering both questions affirmatively. Ernie, who was politically active in the Young Democrats and the Japanese American Citizens League, also believed in supporting the war and also answered both affirmatively.

The Iiyamas both cite the Japanese values that helped the internees to survive the camp experience and make it a positive one. Among these values were: — making the best of a bad situation — sacrificing "for the sake of the children" — the community effort to help each other.

As a result, the camps became a microcosm of the outside world with schools, churches, organized sports, adult education classes and social activities. Chizu's mother took a class in camp on the Constitution and so was able to pass the citizenship test when the United States finally allowed issei to become naturalized citizens in 1953.

After a year in Topaz, both Ernie and Chizu left for Chicago in April 1943 each with a one-way ticket and \$25 given to them by the government. Chizu was released to attend the University of Chicago and Ernie to join the military, but illness precluded him from doing so. After the war ended, they returned to the Bay Area to raise a family.

In August 1988, President Reagan signed the Civil Rights Act that resulted in a letter of apology and \$20,000 redress to surviving Japanese-American internees as well as an education fund of \$50 million to promote the public awareness of the internment to ensure that this would never happen to any other ethnic group in America. To date only about \$5 million in grants have been awarded and the government statements indicate that the fund is now depleted.

The Iiyamas donated part of their redress money to Asian American nonprofit organizations, as well as their church. They also gave some of the money to their children.

Ernie and Chizu both feel very strongly that the unjustified incarceration of the issei and nisei in America needs to be remembered to ensure such a gross violation of civil rights will never again happen to any other group (ethnic or otherwise).

They have, therefore, both been very active in the Japanese

American Citizens League, the National Coalition for Redress and Reparation, the National Japanese American Historical Society as well as several local Human Relations committees.

They are frequently asked to share their internment experiences with students in elementary schools up through college, as well as at teacher workshops.

This coming Sunday, Feb. 21, Chizu will be the mistress of ceremonies for the candle-lighting service part of the Day of Remembrance activities in San Francisco.

The Iiyamas emphasized that the books are still not closed on the evacuation issue, even though the district courts in San Francisco, Portland and Seattle have overturned their respective landmark cases convicting three nisei men (Fred Korematsu, Min Yasui and Gordon Hirabayashi) who protested the evacuation. But the convictions have not been challenged and overturned at the Supreme Court level.

Chizu and Ernie Iiyama re-

member not only Pearl Harbor, they also remember Executive Order 9066 and the American concentration camps: Topaz, Manzanar and Tule Lake (California); Minidoka (Idaho); Mountain (Wyoming); Gila (Arizona); Jerome and Arkansas (Arkansas); and Crystal City (Texas). These all need to be remembered — not just Pearl Harbor.

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from all over the country to Seattle, Wash. to Washington benefit for the American Legion and he shares his own slide presentation.

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Religion

Feb. 21
Sycamore Congregational Church; 9:45 a.m.; Nishimura service; 1111 N. Market Cerrito; 525-0727.

Bay Area Lactation Center

The Bay Area Lactation Center opened in May of 1998 across from Berkeley's Alta Bates Medical Center to support and educate mothers about breastfeeding. It is the vision, come to fruition of Bonnie Bruce, a registered nurse and International Board Certified Lactation consultant. This breastfeeding center is the first of its kind in the East Bay.

"More and more mothers, as well as employers, are recognizing that breastfeeding gives economic as well as health benefits," says Bruce. "Breastfed babies have fewer ear infections, fewer serious illnesses and fewer cases of allergies. For mothers, breastfeeding reduces the incidence of ovarian and breast cancer."

The Bay Area Lactation Center was a vision of Bruce, who recruited Yvette Webster, a registered nurse, longtime friend and former nurse manager of Alta Bates Labor and Delivery unit. "Providing lactation support for new mothers not only saves employers on health benefits, it gets mothers back to work sooner,"

Webster says.

The Bay Area Lactation Center offers complete breastfeeding services in one location, including: individual lactation consultation, Corporate Lactation Programs, Medela Pump rentals and sales as well as an extensive selection of nursing bras, nursing pillows, baby slings and premature baby clothes. They have a growing library of books and videos on childbirth and offer classes on breastfeeding, newborn care and condensed labor and delivery.

Together, Bruce and Webster have created something special. Their efforts have encouraged employers to get more involved in the health and economic issues regarding breastfeeding.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recently issued guidelines advising mothers to breastfeed for a year after their baby's born, and urge employers to provide space for women to nurse. Recent California legislation urges employers to set up lactation programs. Congress is

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by Laura Fischer

expected to provide tax breaks for these programs early next year. The Bay Area Lactation Center is presently working with several companies to help them establish these programs.

For more information about breastfeeding your baby, or how to set up a Lactation program at your company, call the Center at: (510) 204-9703, or visit their website at: www.bayarealactation.com. Located at: 2999 Regent Street, Suite 103, Berkeley. Hours: Monday - Friday 10-5, Saturday, 10-3.

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2000 Buick LeSabre look surges ahead

Road Test

By Arnold Wechter

SANTA BARBARA — Buick has chosen to ignore the adage, "If it isn't broken don't fix it" with the introduction of its new 2000 LeSabre sedan.

The LeSabre, America's most popular full-size sedan, features all-new exterior sheet metal plus added safety features and a greatly strengthened under structure.

Fortunately the styling is evolutionary, not revolutionary, which means the new model greatly resembles the 1999 model. There are enough changes so that it is recognizable on its own.

Care has been taken not to offend its traditional family car buyers, but at the same time the stylists, led by Bill Porter, would like to see younger buyers join the fold.

"The main feature of the 2000 LeSabre is not its list of innovations and improvements — though it's an impressive list — but the overall package designed to continue the winning formula," said Joseph J. Fitzsimmons Jr., LeSabre brand manager.

It was designed, according to Fitzsimmons, to attract a large number of customers who want an upscale, roomy, comfortable and safe car with classic styling — and great value.

LeSabre has been the most popular



BUICK PHOTO

ACCORDING TO REVIEWS, the 2000 LeSabre seems stronger, quieter and more secure than last year's model. It has to be, if Buick is to attract a new crop of affluent car buyers. At the same time, Buick hopes the new design won't offend its traditional family car buyers.

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Monte Carlo, Bonneville Chicago show standouts

By ARNOLD WECHTER

NORTH AMERICAN AUTO WRITERS SYNDICATE

CHICAGO — "The envelope, please?"

And the winner is General Motors. GM dominated the Chicago Auto Show as it introduced the two most exciting cars, the Chevrolet Monte Carlo and the Pontiac Bonneville.

First place goes to the Monte Carlo, a stylish coupe, which is the best looking Chevy produced in years.

The division's slogan, "Genuine Chevrolet," has represented reliable but dowdy products, with the exception of the Corvette, proved it can match any automaker, domestic or import, when it comes to styling.

The 2000 model year Monte Carlo, due to go on sale in the fall, is one of the most exciting coupes to appear in recent years.

"We set out to create a new Monte Carlo that delights your senses and quickens your pulse," said Kurt Ritter, a Chevy spokesman.

There are two production versions planned: the sophisticated yet sporty LS and the ultimate performance-oriented SS.

The current '99 model is the best-selling mid-size coupe in the U.S., and the new model proves even more popular.

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- Car alarms are helpful only if they are turned on every time the car is parked.
- Money should never be left in open ash trays. Thieves will break your very expensive window to steal your parking change.
- Be Alert. If you see anyone "hanging around" a parking lot, casually note what they look like and report them to the police.
- Expensive radios, CD players, and tape decks are prime targets for attack. Consider purchasing portable models which you can take with you.
- Leaving cables or other accessories in plain view is a clear sign that you have a cellular phone or other equipment in your car.
- Be consistent in your efforts wherever you park your vehicle. Though a thief may walk by your car 100 times, he will strike the one time you fail to prepare.

CHEVY IMPALA MAKES COMEBACK

From wire reports

Chevrolet's first new car of the new millennium, the all-new 2000 Impala, is coming out of retirement. From 1958 through 1996, more than 13 million Impalas were sold, making it the best-selling full-size nameplate in automotive history.

The 2000 Impala is powered by a 3.4-liter V6 engine with 180 horsepower. Chevy says the Impala delivers inspired performance through a improved body structure and four-wheel independent suspension.

Details make the difference when buying a car

Drive, she said

By Denise McLuggage

Either God or the devil is in the details. You hear it both ways. And yet so often it's the details that are overlooked when buying a car.

That could mean a growing irritation over the excitement of newness wears off. Annoyances with something not quite to your liking can erode a car owner's long-term satisfaction.

The time to consider the small things is when you are choosing your new car, particularly if changing from one type of vehicle to another.

What you have taken for granted in the old machine might not be in the new one.

Think It through

Friends of mine fell for the racier look of a coupe and dumped the four-

door sedans they had always owned.

They soon sorely missed the easier access to the back seats. Another who bucked the trend to switch from an old sport utility vehicle to a new luxury sedan discovered that, for all the spaciousness for passengers, they could not load a box containing a new television set into the car.

The rear doors didn't yawn wide enough, and the trunk with all its interior size had a narrow entry.

Here are some little things to keep in mind:

Beverage holders

If your habit is to stop for a steaming morning latte, be sure that the beverage holder is deep enough to keep it securely in place in any quick maneuvers.

Ground clearance

A low car with a relatively long wheelbase could scrape the pavement when the transition from the

street to a driveway or parking structure is steep. This is acceptable once in a while, but if the entry is into your driveway or office parking, that's too much to put up with.

Check it out. And if you park often headed into spaces marked by low concrete barriers, make sure the car's nose is not so low as to be constantly scraped.

Storage places

If you commonly feed tollbooths, you are probably used to a place for coins in your vehicle. Check the cars you are considering for that, plus handy places for maps, CDs or cassettes, sunglasses, garage-door openers, cell phones and, yes, trash.

The right size

Seems pretty basic, but I've heard too many stories of people discovering only after they've got their new purchase home that it is a bit too long for the way they have their

garage configured. OK, so its not life-threatening that they have to back the car out to get at the woodpile, but it is inconvenient.

And don't overlook height. Maybe you could get the minivan in the garage with the luggage rack on top loaded, but will the super SUV make it similarly laden?

Check on the width of the car doors, too. Will they open fully in your garage, or will the rack holding the skis have to be relocated?

Glove box friendliness

Some cars, even some SUVs, have the sort of door handles that a gloved hand slips right out of. Perhaps no matter to a Florida dweller, but if you live in or frequently travel to snow country where heavy gloves are a staple, you could get tired of making several attempts before you can get in your car.

And if you drive wearing gloves, make sure the radio buttons, the

heater controls and even the door button can be used so close controls are also a matter of convenience to drivers who keep their hands long. Make sure they fit well.

Loading ease

The lift-over height into the car varies from car to car. If you carry heavy stuff, then the height that open like top-loading won't bother you. Make sure you ever get matches you need in your family who will be objects into the car. Car owners manage the clearance?

Color

Be leery about changing to a light color to a dark one, particularly in a sunny climate. Darker colors are harder to cool. It's the simple of that old devil, sun.

Buick

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full-size sedan for seven years, beating out such entries as the Ford Crown Victoria, Mercury Grand Marquis, Toyota Avalon, Chrysler Concorde and Dodge Intrepid.

Over the years Buick has sold more than one million LeSabres.

Buick has not changed the powerplant or transmission. The tried-and-true 3800 Series II V-6 is under the hood of the front drive model. It is mated to the same GM 4T65E Hydramatic electronically controlled four-speed automatic transaxles.

It remains a potent package as we learned driving a route through the highways surrounding this seaside community.

The new model is stronger, quieter, more convenient and secure. It offers a long list of improvements, side air bags, better ride and handling and an additional one cubic foot of luggage space to an already

large luggage compartment.

LeSabre is offered in two models, Custom and Limited. Both offer many features that are options in competitive models. There is more stowage in the passenger compartment, new inset door handles, larger gauges and larger hinged outside rear-view mirrors.

From an engineering standpoint, the major news is the LeSabre's more substantial body structure, based on the strong architecture that earlier won praise for Buick's Riviera and Park Avenue.

We drove the '99 and 2000 models back-to-back. The '99 model provides excellent handling and ride, but the 2000 is noticeably improved.

The 2000's ride is smoother and quieter thanks to gains in stiffness: 27 percent more resistance to bending and a 62 percent gain in torsional rigidity.

LeSabre's safety-cage construction, combined with combined with four air bags, balanced chassis design, energy absorbing surfaces and new anti-lock four-wheel disc brakes

with extra capacity, emphasize LeSabre's attention to safety, which Fitzsimmons says is key attribute for buyers.

Other safety features, including high-retention front seats with self-aligning head restraints, are a first for an American car.

The seat system, developed for GM's European Saab division, has been improved.

Built into each front seat back, the self-aligning head restraint uses the rearward movement of the occupant's upper torso in an accident to rotate the head restraint closer to the occupant's head.

This simple mechanical device can reduce head motion in certain rear impacts, and therefore reduce the potential for a 'whiplash' injury.

LeSabre's more aggressive stance is help by having the wheels moved out toward the four corners with a wheelbase of 112.2 inches (1.4 inches longer than previously and wider front and rear track (up 1.9 inches),

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The new Bonneville, Pontiac's flagship sedan, is all-new with one of the most exciting styling jobs in recent years. Pontiac officials claim the new model is a perfect blend of luxury and performance.

Or as brand manager Mary Bolland said several times, "It provides luxury with attitude for the next millennium."

Looking at the car on the show stand we are inclined to believe her. It is a much better looking car than its predecessor, which had aged badly in the seven years since it was introduced.

Pontiac has loaded up the new

model with features not normally found in cars in its price class. The most important of these is a stability system borrowed in part from its sister Cadillac division. Pontiac named the system "Integrated Chassis Control System" (ICCS). It is available on the top-of-the-line SSEi, and offers drivers the utmost in con-

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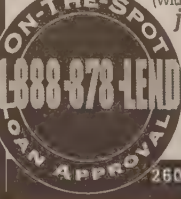
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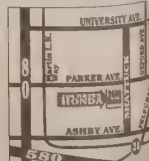


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ATLANTA — If there is a better sports car than Porsche's Carrera 4, we would love to see it.

The 911 Carrera 4 is the best-selling car we've driven in more than 40 years.

Porsche introduced its latest Carrera 4 at the Road Atlanta Track Test, giving the press had the opportunity to drive the car in various conditions: dry, wet, auto cross, slalom and the track itself.

After the auto writers drove approximately 150 miles on twisty highways in the Georgia Mountains. To the car's performance even in a heavy rainstorm.

The Carrera 4 is an all-wheel-drive version of the Carrera 2. It has more powerplant and suspension and is offered with either 6-speed manual or a 5-speed automatic.

The Carrera 4 allows the driver to shift manually without a clutch.

What impressed us most was the stability. Management is not currently available on the Carrera 4 model.

PSM combines existing longitudinal control systems, such as anti-lock brakes, traction control and ABS, with a new Brake Differential (ABD), a dynamic lateral control tailored to the Carrera 4's chassis. Brake intervention and

automatic engine power control keeps the car stable.

Oversteer is minimized by automatically applying the brake on the outer front wheel in a bend; understeer is minimized by applying the brake on the inner rear wheel.

Almost every top luxury car is offered with a stability management system. In our opinion the PSM is a step ahead.

Dave Murray, a well-known Southern race driver, was willing to give any writer \$100 if they could spin out with the system on. Nobody even came close.

Time after time on the skid pad while driving with the pedal to the floor the rear end would swing out only to be quickly stopped by PSM. We also felt the system take over while driving hard on the twisty mountain roads.

In dry conditions, according to Porsche engineers, the system does not feel "intrusive." In wet or icy conditions it plays a much larger role — and we found this to be true.

PSM will save you in most conditions, though as one writer put it: "Driving off a cliff and turning right, the system won't save you."

Knowing that some of its buyers do not want a computer to control their driving, Porsche has added an on/off switch on the dash. The system will still operate when the brake

is activated but goes off once the brake is released.

What the day behind the wheel of the Carrera 4 proved is that it can make a ham-fisted driver such as yours truly into one that feels safe in slippery conditions. It is one of the greatest safety features we've encountered.

It is a given that most of us will never be able to afford a Porsche Carrera 4, but features like PSM will sooner work their way down to less expensive cars.

It would be unfair if we didn't mention a third factor to the Carrera 4's outstanding handling — the car is shod with Pirelli P-Zero 205/50 ZR 17 tires in the rear. They stick like glue to the asphalt.

Being part of the development of the new 911-model generation from the beginning, only minor suspension modifications were required for the addition of 4-wheel drive.

The Carrera 4 retains the driving characteristics of a Porsche. My wife, Marion, is testing the Carrera 2 and the accurate and agile steering behavior in both models is the same.

Where the Carrera 4 has the advantage is in its ability to provide more stable directional stability at high speeds, reduced sensitivity to

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another reason for the improved ride and handling.

Another major improvement is the "zoned" electrical system that includes smarter and more reliable circuits capable of managing extra comfort and convenience features while requiring fewer wires.

Byron A. Kearney, the vehicle's chief engineer, described the new electrical architecture along with the new body structure as the two most important benefits in the new model.

As in the past, LeSabres are well equipped with such standard features as air conditioning, remote keyless entry, Solar-Ray tinted glass, automatic leveling suspension and AM/FM stereo radio.

Limited model buyers receive dual climate controls, fresh air filtration system designed to screen out pollen, an upgraded speaker system, and aluminum wheels.

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trol and accident-avoidance capability.

ICCS helps the vehicle react more predictably to its driver's steering and braking input in situations when the car would normally skid or spin out of control.

The system employs a number of sensors that monitor steering, wheel speed and "yaw" (at the rotation of a car around its center of gravity). These sensors interact with an on-board computer to adjust the brakes during sudden evasive maneuvers, helping prevent skids or spinouts.

ICCS will also be offered on two other full-size GM products in the fall, Buick

LeSabre, Park Lane, Intrigue appear

LeSabre and Park Lane and for the first time on a midsize car, the Oldsmobile Intrigue. Bonneville's standard is a 3800 Series II V-6 that generates 205 horsepower and 230 ft/lb of torque mated to a four-speed electronic automatic transmission.

The uplevel unit is based on the same powertrain, but adds a supercharger and heavy-duty transaxle with a higher axle ratio — resulting in more powerful ratings of 2140 horsepower and 280 ft/lb of torque.

The new Bonneville is expected to go on sale nationwide this fall.

"Among new options are a 12-disc CD changer mounted in the trunk; a sun roof; convenience console with writing surface; driver information center which provides such information as fuel used, miles per gallon and tire pressure; a rain-sensing windshield wiper and a three-channel garage opener."

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After driving LeSabre we would opt for the Gran Touring Package which includes a firmer suspension, rear anti-roll bar, 3.05 axle ratio, 16-inch aluminum wheels with P225/60R16 Touring tires, magnetic

variable-effort power steering, specific steering ratio and leather-wrapped steering wheel.

Another important option is full-range traction control, using both torque reduction and front brake applications to help avoid wheel spinning on slippery roads.

Heated front seats and heated outside rear-view mirrors are available as options on Limited models only. The new models are scheduled to go on sale within the next two months.

Buick didn't just "fix" the LeSabre — it improved it.

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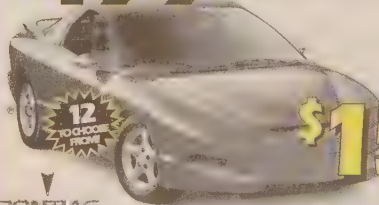
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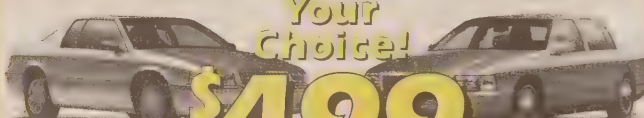
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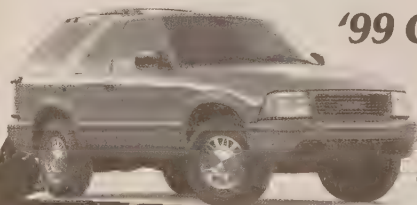
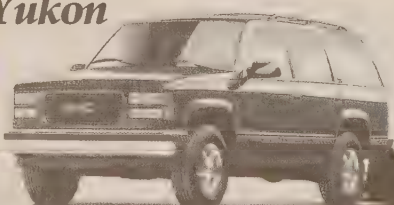
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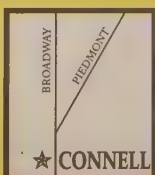
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PORSCHE MODIFIED the all-wheel drive model to accommodate the differential and drive shafts.

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...of the 4's engine drive power...
...from the gearbox straight...
...rear differential. The amount...
...power fed to the front axle is...
...of rear-wheel slip and is...
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...the power going to the front...
...varies from 5 to 40 percent.

Porsche substantially modified the all-wheel drive model's body design at the front to accommodate the differential and drive shafts.

The '99 Carrera 4 is powered by Porsche's six-cylinder water-cooled boxer engine. Displacement is unchanged at 3.4 liters with 296 horsepower at 6800 rpm, and maximum torque of 258 ft/lbs at 4600 rpm.

Only minor suspension modifications were needed on the 4 to make room for the 4-wheel drive system.

Offered in Coupe and Cabriolet versions, the raptor model comes with a removable hardtop as well as sup-

plemental safety bars, which activate automatically in dangerous driving.

Few clues tell a passerby that the car is a Carrera 4. The model designation and the brake calipers stand out in titanium, along with 17-inch wheels designed for the models.

Porsche reports that previous 4-wheel drive models have been about 30 percent of total sales, but it is predicted the new model will exceed this share of total sales.

We're not going into details about the 911's styling or its many other features. We'll leave that for a future road test — and we're looking forward to the ride.

Silverado and Sierra pickups take on full-size market

General Motors executive Michael Grimaldi wasn't just making a rousing speech when he delivered, "Win Through Innovation" at the Society of Automotive Engineers Global Development Conference in Detroit, Mich. last month.

He was announcing GM's new strategy. Based on the success of new-generation 1999 Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra pickups, there was little doubt the full-size pickup vehicle chief spoke with authority on subject of winning in the automotive industry.

"With our team's 'gut feel' for what truckers want in their trucks, backed with research data, we've been able to get to know our customers intimately and we're launching winning products as a result," Grimaldi said.

Listening to Grimaldi talk about truckers exactly what they want for '99 raised a question on several years back, in the face of rapidly changing full-size market, could GM develop a winning strategy?

Grimaldi explained that early on a decision was made to more clearly differentiate the two GM trucks in terms of product design and image. It became Chevrolet's mission to hit the core of the market while GMC headed upscale.

Through intense research, designs evolved that fit the demands of Chevrolet and GMC buyers.

Grimaldi admitted that GM took a hard look at the re-engineered Ram and Ford F-Series that moved onto the scene while GM trucks were under development.

Focus groups showed a segment of consumers were attracted by the high-style, big-rig look, and the new F-Series were strong.

Truck Talk

By Tim Spell

"Our early research said, Don't follow Ford and don't follow Dodge," Grimaldi said.

Following similar routes as these revolutionary pickups was not in GM's best interest, because strategists believed the strength of loyal GM truck buyers would take the company further.

If the goal was to make Chevy pickups the core product representing 700,000-plus units in a market of about 1.9 million full-size pickups, Chevy's truck had to have a character apart from competitors. It had to be a truck that stayed true to the Chevy marque.

Along with a style that research indicated would appeal to GM buyers, it was a goal to "raise the high bar higher" in terms of performance, including the powertrain and more — brakes, suspension, steering, safety, etc.

Grimaldi said that truck buyers generally are consumers who are well-educated about product, and that's working to GM's advantage. They're attracted to the roomier cabin, more powerful engines and efficient four-wheel-disc braking system.

For those questioning the changes from proven small-block V8s to new-generation V8s with smaller displacements, Grimaldi points out that the new Vortec 4800, 5300 and 6000 V8s produce more power, with greater efficiency and enhanced durability.

"The truck engine that we started with was improved upon, but very importantly, we went through the rigorous testing validation that makes

us confident that this engine is going to perform and it's going to do it very reliably."

A fourth door on their extended-cab model is the only thing GM trucks are missing.

Grimaldi said that GM could have stopped a program under way and crashed in a fourth door, but decided to continue its production cadence and come to market with a truck boasting the best architecture and size, then start working on a fourth door.

The decision was to add a fourth door as part of the 2000 model year program. Adding door No. 4 will give GM extended-cabs the largest rear doors in the industry. It'll be like a one-two punch, Grimaldi said, pointing out that other new products — new-generation Suburban, Tahoe and heavy-duty pickups — also will help kick GM into overdrive.

"We'll have four doors on our extended-cab pickup long before Dodge or Ford can get more inches in the rear seat of their extended-cab," Grimaldi said.

The market and the race is going to be won or lost with the total plan, with the introduction of the complete product line, Grimaldi said.

GM's greatest problem is with production output of the new pickups, which was dealt a blow during last summer's plant strikes.

Grimaldi said GM is on track in terms of its production schedule, but it will be impossible to make up the units lost this past calendar year because of the work stoppage. It is an objective for 1999, as the '99 models are closed out, to make up the trucks lost during the stoppage.

Tim Spell is automotive writer for the Houston Chronicle Cars & Trucks section.

Auto Shorts

By Arnold Wechter

DETROIT

Production resumes after Rouge blast

Full production is expected to resume this coming week at Ford Motor Company's historic Rouge Complex.

Rouge Industries, Inc., whose steel making operations on the site were crippled by a fatal explosion on Jan. 1, may face environmental obstacles to restarting blast furnaces. Rouge Steel Corp., a subsidiary of Rouge Industries, supplies Ford, General Motors and Chrysler AG.

Analysts warn it could take two months or longer to resume full production.

One of the stumbling blocks is how to meet air quality standards when the blast furnaces begin giving off large amounts of carbon monoxide gas. Up to 80 percent of those gases were burned by the 70-foot-high powerhouses, which was ripped apart in the Feb. 1 explosion at Ford's 1,100-acre complex.

Harris leaves DaimlerChrysler for GM

The chief architect of Chrysler Corp.'s image-rebuilding in the 1990s, Steve Harris, is leaving DaimlerChrysler AG to become General Motors' top communications expert.

Harris has been named GM's vice president of communications, responsible for crafting GM's image and managing its 450 public relations people worldwide, 270 of them in North America.

A decade ago, when Chrysler was product-poor and sales were dropping, Harris led a PR team that violated the tenet of automotive public relations.

The team showed the press of all Chrysler's future products as a way of stressing that the company had a plan. His plan worked. When Chrysler launched its

LH sedans, Jeep Grand Cherokee and Ram pickup finally were launched, the press coverage given the auto maker was the envy of the industry.

Harris will replace John Onoda, the former Levi executive who left GM to join Visa USA last year.

Harris, 53, was senior vice president of communications at DaimlerChrysler, and will report to Ron Wagener. Wagener is known to be dissatisfied the way FM is portrayed in much of the press.

WASHINGTON

Low-sulfur gas gains

There is evidence that the auto industry is winning its argument with oil companies over the need for low-sulfur gasoline nationwide.

An EPA official, who asked to not be named, said automaker requests that low-sulfur fuel requirements be part of upcoming new clean-air rules convinced him to act.

The official is among those at the agency putting finishing touches on proposed new-vehicle emission rules, called Tier 2.

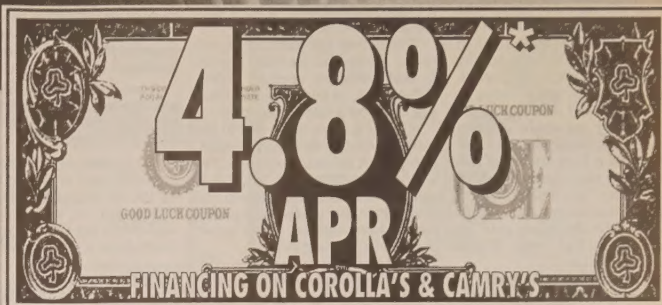
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Mercedes-Benz, ad agency split

Mercedes-Benz of North America has announced it will end its relationship with its advertising agency Lowe & Partners/SMS and the L&P/SMS affiliates Lowe Fox Pavlika and Diamond Promotion Group effective April 30.

Mercedes-Benz execs ended the relationship with L&P/SMS over a potential conflict of interest following the creation of DaimlerChrysler relative to Lowe & Partners affiliation with Interpublic Group of Companies and their global alliance with General Motors.

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1967 Jaguar undergoes restoration it so richly deserves

Classic Classics

By Vern Parker

About the time Joe Smith was preparing to start high school in Alpena, Mich., the Jaguar folks in Coventry, England brought out the breathtakingly beautiful XK-E model.

Not many of the aerodynamic E-type Jaguars found their way to the little town by the shore of Lake Huron, but the young student knew all about them from his books and magazines. "It was the car of my high school fantasy," Joe Smith recalls.

Upon graduation from high school in 1966, the young man remained infatuated with E-type Jaguars.

In the autumn of 1975, Smith located a 1967 Jaguar XK-E coupe series 1 1/2 and soon became its third owner. It sold new for about \$5,500.

The 14-foot, 7-inch-long car had about 70,000 miles on the odometer. Smith learned that his car had left

the factory wearing a coat of metallic green paint with fern-green leather upholstery. By the time he took possession, the car had been painted maroon with gold flakes and the carpeting had been replaced with remnants of a red shag carpet.

"Something left over from a rec room," Smith said. He drove the car in that condition another 15,000 miles. Then, in late 1985, the time had come for a total restoration.

One of the first tasks was to remove the 4.2-liter six-cylinder engine and pack it off to a specialty shop where it was taken apart, rebuilt and reassembled. As an allowance to unleaded gasoline, lower-compression pistons were installed. It was better than new, according to Smith.

A new set of 72-spoke wheels were ordered from England but proved unsatisfactory. So the original wheels were sent to Ohio for refurbishing, replating, and 288 new stainless steel spokes. Smith says a lot of rust was cut out of his Jaguar. When it was ready for reassembly, he selected a

proper imperial maroon with a buckskin leather interior.

The row of toggle switches on the dashboard and the telescopic three-spoke wooden steering wheel complement the attractive new interior. The passenger grab bar is thoughtfully placed at the far right corner of the dashboard as it curves into the door.

A two-speed electric motor operates the three windshield wipers. Ahead of the windshield are two rows of 14 louvers.

The restoration was completed in June 1987, only 17 months after taking the car apart. The "brand new" 25-year-old car only emphasizes what Smith has said for years: "It's always been a reliable car."

If you have an antique car of interest to "Classic Classics" readers, write to Vern Parker detailing its merits. (Please, no inquiries about selling or buying vehicles.) His address: 2221 Abotsford Drive, Vienna, VA 22818.



JOE SMITH'S JAGUAR XK-E is much like the new one he fell in love with as a teenager. After law school, Smith had the resources to refurbish a found model, returning it to pristine condition.

Volvo back in game with S80 model

Down the Road

By Jill Amadio

Remember the boxy Volvo, and dire predictions that eccentrics loved its shape too much for Volvo designers to relinquish it?

Well, Volvo decided to gamble that their contoured, snazzy, sleek new luxury flagship sedan, the 1999 S80, would indeed appeal not only to diehard Volvo-lovers, but also to bright, young singles, active older singles, urban families, and new buyers shopping for one of the safest cars on the road, who all value their quality of life.

"We projected we'd sell between 25,000 and 30,000 units, in 1999," said spokesman Dan Johnston, "and so far we're right on target. We've already sold 8,119 since October, so we're easily meeting our goal." Over the past two months, Volvo has sold 2,200 of the five-seater S80s, compared to the more widely promoted 1,800 Audi A6s; 1,500 Acura TLs; 2,500 BMW 5 Series, and 2,300 Mercedes-Benz E Class.

"The S80 was a success from the

moment we introduced it into the U.S.," said Johnston, adding that the S80 is the culmination of everything Volvo has learned about the art of carmaking over the last seventy-two years. Dubbed the "soul of the Volvo brand" for its innovative safety features that are benchmarks for Volvo, the S80 expresses the company's philosophy to live by: Safety for us all.

This year, Volvo broadens that philosophy by offering this particular sedan as the car you desire, instead of the car you need, with a taste of excitement thrown in.

"Safety and excitement are not mutually exclusive," said Bob Austin, Volvo's advertising director. "They can work powerfully together. If you want to have fun driving, go ahead, just make sure you use the best and safest equipment available, and that means buying one of our vehicles."

Evidence of early success of the new thinking is that, for the first time in twenty years, a Volvo has appeared on the cover of Car & Driver magazine, a publication that usually reserves its front page for far more exotic fare.

But Volvo has much to boast about with the front-wheel drive S80.

Its performance and handling have been hailed as breaking new ground for the specialty carmaker, and its famous safety features — antilock brakes, traction control, whiplash protection, six airbags — are increased this year by an optional, sensor-enhanced anti-skid control system, a brand new feature.

Another new feature, scheduled for introduction next year, assuming the infrastructure (satellites, etc.) is in place, is a GSM telephone. The S80 was the first car in Europe to be equipped with an integrated phone whose dials and buttons are built in to the center console.

A dashboard display indicates the call in process, with "Send" and "Stop" phone buttons on the steering wheel, as well as pre-programmed dialing.

The idea is to minimize distraction while driving. A microphone is concealed in the rearview mirror, and incoming sound is through a small loudspeaker in the driver's head restraint on the seatback.

An advantage of this method is that others in the car can hear the call and participate in it, if necessary.

Ask the Auto Doctor

By Junior Damato

Alarm sounds in rain

Dear Doctor: I own a 1993 Pontiac Sunbird, purchased new that has been trouble-free until now. I had an alarm system installed shortly after I took delivery. Recently, the alarm has started to go off during rain storms when parked. The dome light will also come on. Can you help? Frank

Dear Frank: I have seen many false alarm problems with aftermarket devices. The problems are usually related to something in the car causing a drain that sets the alarm off. First, make sure all doors, trunk, hood, glove box, switches and the manual dome light switches are working properly. Next, check the interior light module that is located under the dash. This is subject to frequent problems that can cause the interior light to come on, resulting in a false signal to the alarm.

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Dear Doctor: Why don't car companies have heated windshields? Joe

Dear Joe: There is one vehicle with a heated windshield, the Am

General Hummer. This is the only vehicle that currently has it. In 1996, Cadillac offered it as an option on some models. In the 70's, Ford offered it, and again on some

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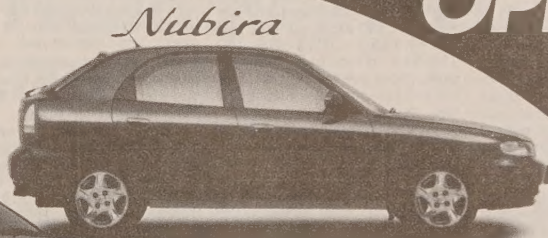


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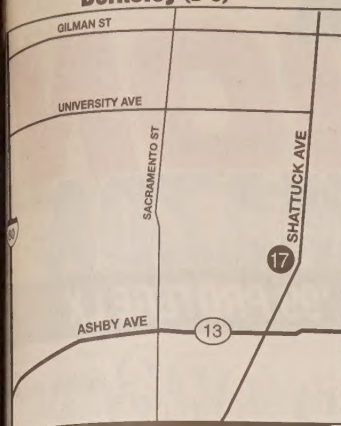
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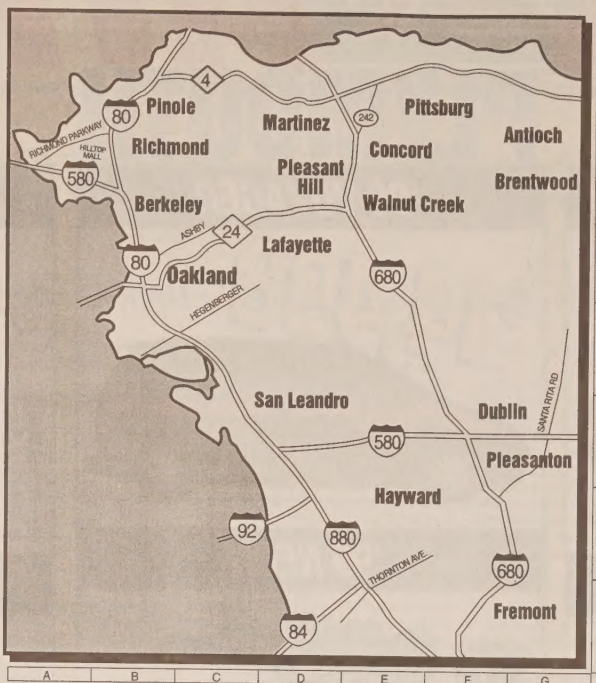
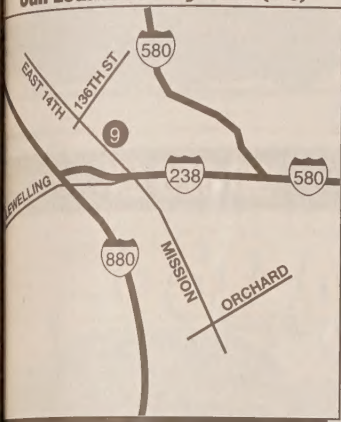
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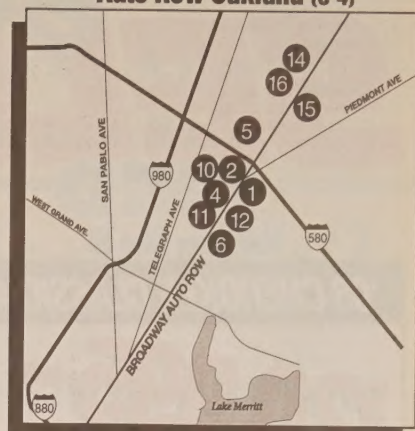
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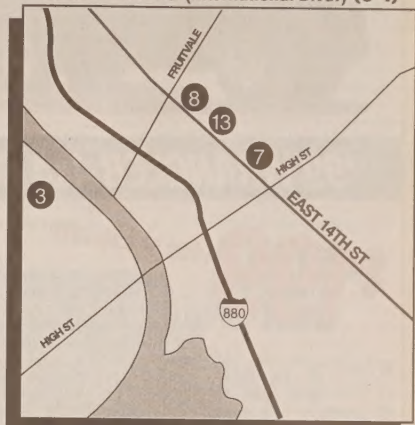
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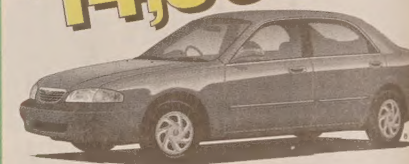
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